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Award nomination for sailing academy

WEYMOUTH and Portland National Sailing Academy has been shortlisted for a top 2010 Sport Industry Award.

The awards are Europe's largest and most prestigious commercial sports awards that recognise the best the sport business has to offer in marketing, public relations, sponsorship, new media, publishing, advertising and design.

The academy has beaten competition from a high volume of entries and is now in the running to win the Sport Venue of the Year award against competition from the likes of Twickenham and Wembley Stadiums as well as the O2 and the Brit Oval.

Academy chief executive John Tweed said: "Everyone here is delighted to have been shortlisted for this prestigious award.

"We work tirelessly to improve the quality of services and events and it is incredibly rewarding to be recognised for this commitment."

Academy staff have already celebrated winning the Environmental Concern in Sport award back in 2008 and the site was the first 2012 Olympic venue to be formally completed.

A 16-strong judging panel selected the academy for the Sport Venue of the Year shortlist because of its flexible and meticulous approach to event services, the commitment it has as a venue to serving the needs of its visitors, a distinct improvement in all aspects of the venue from the previous 12 months of activity, demonstrable financial growth and proof of creative innovation in the approach to hosting and marketing sporting events.

The academy was selected through submission of case studies detailing how the venue hosts a successful calendar of international mass participant water sports events as well as instigating activities accessible to local Weymouth and Portland communities.

The final results will not be announced until May 13th.

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34 arrested in police drugs crackdown

by Harry Walton

A LARGE scale operation to disrupt the supply of drugs in Weymouth and Portland and to remove suspected drug dealers has resulted in a total of 34 arrests so far.

Most arrests in Operation Dismantle have been made in Weymouth areas, including Melcombe Regis, Broadmayne, Radipole, Southill, the Park district, Westham, Littlemoor and Wyke Regis, but arrests have also been made by Merseyside and Devon and Cornwall police forces.

Warrants under the 1971 Misuse of Drugs Act have been executed at a total of 28 residential and commercial properties in Weymouth and Portland.

Police said that a quantity of stolen goods, drugs and cash have been recovered at many addresses as a result of the searches.

Seven men and two women have already appeared at Weymouth Magistrates Court and have admitted supplying Class A drugs. They will be sentenced in March.

Weymouth and Portland Section Commander Inspector Pete Meteau said: "This is one of the largest operations of its kind in the Weymouth and Portland area.

"A large number of officers have been drafted in to ensure the operation runs efficiently and smoothly and thanks to their tireless effort we've

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60 SECOND INTERVIEW

ANDREW Blake has been involved with local amateur dramatics from the age of seven.

Next week he takes to the stage as Rolo in Burton Bradstock's pantomime Goody Two Shoes, his fourth production with the group.

Andrew will be familiar to many for his youth work, with the Dorset Library service and his volunteer work at the Cancer research UK shop in Bridport.

Andrew started as a Saturday assistant at Bridport Library at 16 and has worked his way up to become a Reading and Learning Librarian, working to encourage young people to use libraries across the county.

Andrew's love of amateur dramatics began when he joined Theatrama as a child. Since then he has performed a number of shows with Bridport Operatic Workshop and productions with his school were taken to the Edinburgh Festival.

He later went on to study Drama and English at the University of the West of England in Bristol.

Andrew's other passion is for travelling and he has visited Russia, Lithuania, Sri Lanka to name a few, since taking part in the Bridport Youth Club Japanese Exchange at the age of 17.

■ WHAT do you like most about West Dorset?
I particularly love living within walking distance of the beach and it's a great piece of coastline to walk along. I also love the range of cultural events and activities we have in Bridport and the surrounding towns and the fact that people really get involved in these and make them so successful and great fun.

■ WHAT is your favourite show you have been involved with?
I would say my favourite play was "A Murder is Announced" with Burton Bradstock Players. It was an Agatha Christie murder mystery which was a great mix of humour and suspense.

■ WHAT are your best and worst moments on stage?
My worst moment on stage was probably one performance of "A Murder is Announced"; my costume was a thick woolly jumper and a long university scarf. It was on during a bit of a heat wave and between the costume, the weather and the hot lights, I dripped my way through the performance. I think we still put on a good show but it's certainly the most uncomfortable I've ever been on stage.

My favourite moment on stage was probably "Love Marilyn" at the Edinburgh Fringe. Not only was it a great experience to be up in Edinburgh at festival time, but two thirds of the way through our run a lot of our props were stolen. For many people that would have been the end of the show but actually it brought the group together and encouraged us to put on an even better performance. The sense of camaraderie on stage was a really great feeling.

■ WHO are the best actors/actresses you have worked with?

I've really enjoyed every show I've been in and think I've worked with some really great people. I'm currently really enjoying working with my comic partner Gill East, who plays Polo to my Rolo in "Goody Two Shoes".

■ WHO has impressed you in this year's pantomime?
We have three young people in big important roles: Amy Van Zyl (who plays Goody), Tom Wilson (who plays Goody's brother Teddy) and Ollie Turner (who plays the Elf Cobbler). They are all great as their characters and are really good fun to work with.

■ DO you prefer to play the hero or the villain?
I've been lucky to play some great characters, both heroes and villains and I would say that as long as the character is written well I like playing either. It's often said that baddies have more fun but I've had great fun playing goodies and I am loving playing the slightly incompetent but well meaning Rolo.

■ WHO would be your three dream guests at a dinner party and why?
I think I would like to have Terry Pratchett, Suggs from Madness and Michael Palin. Terry Pratchett was the first author I ever really got hooked on and I still am. Suggs is a great singer and Michael Palin is one of the funniest actors you could hope to see. He's worked with some great stars and has visited some amazing places in his documentaries for the BBC. All three of these, I think, would provide a varied and interesting conversation.

■ IF you won the lottery how would you spend the money?
After all the noble and charitable deeds I would of course do, including treating Katherine and my family. I would like to use some of it to see even more of the world. I would love to travel to Egypt and also to see the Inca trails in Peru. A Season Ticket at Stamford Bridge would of course be a priority. On a local level I would love to ensure the continuation of Bridport's Japanese Exchange Programme as I feel it was an amazing experience for me at 17-years-old and I think many other young people could benefit from being involved with it.

■ WHAT was the last book you read, CD you listened to and film you watched?
The last book I read was The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins; I like to read a lot of fiction for young adults as part of my job and this was a great story satirising reality television whilst encouraging people to question authority and their own morals. The last CD I listened to was Easy Star's Lonely Hearts Dub Band it is a cover of the entire Sgt Pepper album but each song is a done as a reggae version. The last film I saw was Toy Story 2 in 3D.

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Daylight raid

CASH and a distinctive watch have been stolen during a daytime burglary at a house on Old Castle Road, Weymouth.

The incident happened between 1.45-4.25pm on February 9th .

PC Neil Fitch of Weymouth Police said: "Those responsible went into the house through a rear patio door and after a search they stole a watch and money from an upstairs bedroom.

"The watch is very distinctive. It has a silver bracelet with a clasp fitting, a small face and three opal coloured stones on either side near the face.

"I'd like to hear from anyone who was in Old Castle Road then and who saw a stranger or anyone acting suspiciously in any way, possibly knocking on doors or being seen in a garden or at the side of a house. Witnesses and anyone with any information should contact police on 01305-222222 or the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800-555111.

Drugs crackdown

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been able to make a large number of arrests in relation to the supply of drugs.

"These warrants were part of Operation Dismantle which is ongoing across all areas of Dorset, therefore you can expect activity to occur in any town at any time in the future.

"This week is hopefully a warning to any drug dealers hiding in our county that this sort of criminal activity will not be tolerated and we will seek out those who intend to flout the law."

Witnesses and anyone with any information should contact police in confidence on 01305-222222 or the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800-555111.

Recognition for young round Britain walker

A YOUNG man who walked around the coast of Britain to raise funds for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance has been presented with a certificate to commemorate his achievement.

Seb Green, aged 20, of Littlemoor, Weymouth, raised more than £32,000 from his walk, and gave approximately half to the air ambulance charity, with the rest shared among several different charities.

In recognition of his efforts, he was presented with a special certificate by Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance fundraising co-ordinator Annette Plaistow-Trapaud.

Seb set a £20,000 fundraising target for his odyssey as a way of repaying what he saw as his 'debt' to society after an air-sea rescue saved him from drowning when he was just 15-years-old.

He completed his 3,500-mile walk accompanied by his border collie dog Flash in 2008, when he was aged 18.

The last of his sponsorship money was collected earlier this year and the total was more than half as much again as he expected.

Annette Plaistow-Trapaud said: "It is only thanks to people like Seb who raise money for us that our charity can continue to keep its life-saving service going.

"We do not receive any Government or Lottery funding, so we have to raise all the running costs of our helicopter ourselves, which amounts to about £3,800 a day.

"Many people across Dorset and Somerset support us by organising fundraising events or making donations or taking part in our £1 weekly lottery, but Seb's individual effort was exceptional and that is why we wanted to recognise it with a certificate.

"We hope to see Seb again on June 12th when we are celebrating the charity's 10th birthday with a special event at our airbase in Henstridge."

DORSET and Somerset Air Ambulance fundraising co-ordinator Annette Plaistow-Trapaud presenting Seb Green with his certificate of recognition.

Hoist means access for more swimmers

by Harry Walton

A MAJOR new piece of equipment is transforming swimming for many people in the Weymouth and Portland area.

The electric poolside hoist has been put in place at Osprey Leisure Centre on Portland to enable more members of the public to have access to the swimming pool.

The hoist was installed with help and support from the local community and JM Swimmers, who are great fundraisers for the centre, had a special reason for enjoying being the first group to experience the new facility.

They saw the hoist allow one of their users, John Randall, to swim with the group for the first time in several years.

John said: "I have been looking forward to the day when I could use the facilities with the rest of my group of friends.

"Now that day has come I will certainly make sure I swim whenever I get the opportunity."

The new facility is available to any member of the community who needs assistance with entry or exit to the pool and can be arranged with only a few minutes' notice or by pre arrangement.

Centre general manager Nigel Williams said he was delighted at the success of the hoist and what it would mean for many swimmers.

He added: "Thanks must also go to the Dorset Health Trust which has assisted the centre in upgrading facilities for the less able throughout the site and who do so much good work in enabling more people to benefit from their initiatives in Dorset as a whole."

Anyone who would like more information on facilities available at the Centre should call Mr Williams on 01305-824378.

JOHN Randall using the hoist and watched by members and club organiser Ella Moss.

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Council staff raise £750 for air ambulance service

THE Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance have received a funding boost from the district council to help keep them in the air.

Staff at the West Dorset District Council, led by Chairman Councillor Ronald Coatsworth, raised £750 for the service.

He said: "I would like to thank all staff and fellow councillors who rallied round to help raise funds for this worthy cause.

"Staff organised book sales, cake sales and arranged sponsored events. A quiz was also arranged to generate cash. I would like to thank everyone who worked hard to help raise this money.

"I have chosen to raise funds for the air ambulance because it is a local cause which regularly benefits people across West Dorset."

It costs £3,800 a day to operate the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance or about £1.4 million a year. The air ambulance receives no government funding and relies entirely on fundraising and sponsorship.

Paul Owen, Air Crew Paramedic, said: "It is great to receive support from local people. We are a busy service and get called out to an average of three jobs a day.

"About a third of our calls are to road traffic accidents and we make a difference because we can get injured people to the right hospital much faster than a land ambulance. Recently we had to rush a patient to hospital in Bath, which would have taken a land ambulance 45 minutes, but we got there in less than ten. This makes a difference and can save lives."

Annette Plaistow-Trapaud, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance fundraising co-ordinator, said: "I would like to thank West Dorset District Council staff and councillors for raising money for the air ambulance.

"We pride ourselves on having an outstanding air ambulance emergency service. In the decade since our launch we have attended nearly 7,000 incidents - many of them life-saving. The ambulance answers emergency calls 365 days of the year so our fundraising has to be constant.

"We are a local charity and unlike many national charities rely on local support, so help from local organisations like West Dorset District Council is vital."

FLYING HIGH: Annette Plaistow-Trapaud (air ambulance fundraising co-ordinator), Cllr Ronald Coatsworth (district council chairman) and Paul Owen (aircrew paramedic)

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Relief road rolls on

VEHICLES and pedestrians can now use the new bridge at Littlemoor.

by Harry Walton

VEHICLES and pedestrians are now using a new bridge in Weymouth.

The structure takes Littlemoor Road over the line of the new relief road being built for the town.

This initial phase only involves opening one lane over the bridge with vehicle flow being regulated by traffic light control for the next two to three weeks depending on the weather. After that the bridge will be fully open to two-way traffic.

Dorset County Council said that opening the bridge in these phases allows the tie-ins to the existing road to be completed more safely for both the workforce and road users. It should also minimise traffic disruption in the area.

Work on the huge project still has a long way to go and county officers have strongly denied recent reports claiming that the relief road was currently £2 million under budget.

A spokesman said: "We do not anticipate any underspend on the Weymouth relief road which is currently within budget and on schedule. There is still a long way to go!

"Dorset County Council has recently informed the South West Council that the Weymouth Transport Package for the 2012 Games is currently estimated to cost £16 million which is £2 million lower than previously estimated.

"However, this is not - and will not be - considered an underspend as the scheme hasn't been funded yet."

VIEW from the new Littlemoor bridge up the line of Weymouth's new relief road.

CCTV cameras stolen

BURGLARS have broken into a Weymouth store and stolen a dozen CCTV camera systems.

Police said the midnight raid came at Value House Stores on Mandeville Road, Wyke Regis, where the burglars set off an intruder alarm.

Officers added that those responsible climbed a high gate to get in before going to the back of the building where they cut their way into a marquee and stole the CCTV systems.

Store manager Lee Mitchell said: "These were domestic CCTV systems with ten worth £30 and two worth £80, a total of £460.

"It is basically a plug in camera which can be fitted by the front door to enable a homeowner to see or monitor visitors.

"It is our first theft in the three years we have been open and we have already plugged this possible gap in our security so no one can get in that way again."

PC Chris Bevans of Weymouth Police said: "I need to hear from anyone who saw or heard suspicious activity near the premises.

"I'd also like to hear from anyone who has any information about CCTV systems being offered for sale recently." Anyone with information should call police on 01305-222222 or the free and anonymous Crimestoppers line on 0800-555111.

Pelican in dry dock

PELICAN of London, a sail training ship based in Weymouth, is preparing for dry dock work on her keel ahead of the 2010 sailing season.

The 45-metre vessel is based on the Barbary Coast Xebec, the most successful pirate ship of the Mediterranean for 200 years.

Pelican is due to take part in the summer Tall Ships races in the North Sea and is equipped to tackle any conditions from arctic ice to the tropics.

Master Francis Noel-Hudson said: "Weymouth is our home port and we have a full programme of events for 2010.

"We are due to have dry dock work in early May and this year we will visit France, Belgium, Denmark, Norway and Holland."

Anyone interested in an adventure on board the Pelican can ring 01305-839476 for more information.

Celebrating the year of the tiger

by Harry Walton

INTERNATIONAL students at Weymouth College have celebrated the start of the Chinese New Year by serving a variety of cuisine from various parts of China.

The students, supported by a talented parent, worked with Level 1&2 catering students to serve up the tasty treat in the college's Cygnets restaurant which was decked out with Chinese kites, dragons, lanterns and symbols to celebrate Chinese New Year. Tigers were among many decorations because 2010 is the Year of the Tiger.

The aim of the evening was to give a few simple tips on welcoming a Chinese visitor.

Chinese students Feng Juan Zhang, Huanhuan Song and Junjie Li with the help of Junjie's mother, Sumei Rossman, taught the guests simple Chinese words of welcome, how to give and receive gifts and how to prepare Chinese tea.

One of the visitors, who is a very loyal customer of Cygnets restaurant, was celebrating her 75 birthday.

Mrs Eve Hanney has spent many years visiting China for the kite festivals and it was thanks to her that the restaurant was so wonderfully decorated.

During the demonstration of the giving of gifts, Junjie presented Mrs Hanney with an ornamental pig as this was the animal sign of the year she was born.

A wonderful night was due to the hard work of Alan Kelly and the catering students in the kitchens and Leonie Monaghan with the front of house students combined with the international Chinese students.

Anyone who would like to know more about the themed evenings run at Cygnets restaurant should call 01305-208981.

■ MRS Eve Hanney receiving her gift.

■ THE restaurant decorated with Mrs Hanney's Chinese kites.

■ INTERNATIONAL students preparing Chinese cuisine with tutor Alan Kelly.

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"The day was amazing, very helpful and inspirational." - Joanne Horton

Music hall from the good old days

AN Old Tyme Music Hall event staged by Westfield Arts College, Weymouth, was a great success.

Firstly an afternoon audience invited from residential care and day care centres all dressed up to join in the fun and spirit of The Good Old Days.

Then an evening audience exceeded all expectations with a full house to enjoy a chorus and solo singers as well as sketches featuring favourites and Snow White and an undetermined number of dwarves

There was also a chance to wonder at feats of magic and mind reading and revel in the delights of the entertainments of a bygone era. Union Jacks waved in the community singing and the audience raised the roof in song.

The college, which caters for pupils with moderate learning disability drawn from across South and West Dorset, was celebrating its new status as an Arts College.

Staff said how lucky and privileged they felt that almost all the secondary age students and a large percentage of primary were able to participate in the show whose success owed a lot to community support.

Students worked with professional musicians, costumiers and stage technicians in a superb venue provided for the day provided by SeaView (Haven) Holiday Park, Preston which was thanked for its support by the headteacher and staff.

The cast of the Good Old Days musical staged by Westfield Arts College

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Serious structural faults found in historic Guildhall

by Harry Walton

FAULTS in Weymouth's historic Guildhall will take "significant cost" to repair, a report claims.

The independent advice from PJ Stow & Associates commissioned by the borough council reveals that some of the faults go back to its design in the 1830s.

One of the building's problems has been caused by the west elevation having a remarkably slender construction thickness above first floor level with the major vertical loads being taken by some very narrow structures.

There are also problems with the outward bowing pattern of cracking now evident and the apparently weak connections between the ashlar faced stonework and the backing masonry.

This is giving major cause for concern as there are fears that mass instability could be generated simply by loss of only one external stone element.

The report goes on to suggest a partial reconstruction to enable the creation of a stable masonry backing, to attach stonework to the new walling, to undertake repairs to the defective window lintels and to introduce some improved weather-resistant detailing.

Weymouth and Portland finance and assets spokesman Councillor Peter Chapman said: "The Guildhall is part of our heritage and we are taking steps to protect it.

"The building seems at first glance to be of high quality and exuding an appearance of great durability.

"In practice the report shows that it is not nearly as structurally robust as it first appears and it contains a number of original design defects that date back to 1838 when the building was first opened. The work we do must address these design defects to preserve the building for the future."

Engineers have been asked to produce a more detailed report before a schedule of work is agreed.

Mayor's news

WEYMOUTH and Portland Mayor Anne Kenwood is to attend May events on Guernsey marking the 70th anniversary of the island being evacuated during World War II.

Among commemorations will be the unveiling of a plaque at White Rock and a reception at the Royal Court House.

Weymouth played an important part in the evacuation of Guernsey because the evacuees, mainly schoolchildren, landed in Weymouth ahead of German occupation of the island.

The youngsters were welcomed and looked after before travelling by train to the north of England, Scotland and Wales.

Adults also travelled to Weymouth, some of them making the town their permanent home.

Close links with Guernsey have been maintained since that time through a regular ferry service to the islands, largely operated by Condor Ferries which is allowing Councillor Kenwood to travel free to the island anniversary.

■ THE Mayor will be hosting a charity ball at the Weymouth Pavilion Ocean Room on March 19th. All proceeds raised from the event will go to the Mayor's selected charities, Weymouth & Portland District Scouts and the League of Friends of Weymouth & Portland Hospitals.

A raffle will take place on the evening in aid of the charities and any local business which would like to support the event by donating a prize are asked to contact the council at the address below.

Councillor Kenwood said: "I expect the ball to be a fantastic evening. All styles and abilities will be catered for, so come along and join me on this special occasion. The dress code is 'semi-formal' – dinner jackets optional!"

The ball will commence at 7.30 pm with full bar service and bar meals available until 10pm.

Tickets cost £7 each and are available from Council Offices, North Quay, Weymouth DT4 8TA or cheques made payable to 'The Mayor's Charity Account' can be sent to the Mayor's Secretary as above. People should remember to include their name and the address where they would like the tickets sent to.

Residents can have a say on the future of tourism

PUBLIC consultation has started on a new economic and tourism strategy for Weymouth and Portland.

The strategy, developed by the council in partnership with public bodies and the private sector, seeks to support and develop the local economy and provide a framework for the future of tourism in the borough over the next five years.

Among areas tackled by the strategy are economic downturn recovery, support for new business enterprises and developing environmental and sustainable technologies.

The strategy also considers building the area's reputation for offering creative opportunities in a world-class location and developing and diversifying tourism to help ensure that it makes a year round contribution towards the local economy.

It also aims to develop the borough into a successful business location with a focus on bringing jobs and investment to the area.

Weymouth and Portland economic development spokesman Councillor Geoff Petherick said: "Weymouth and Portland's growing reputation as a destination for marine excellence will play a key role in our success.

"Not only will this help to raise wage and skill levels in the not-too-distant future but it will help provide better employment opportunities for future generations here in the borough.

" I am delighted that the council is committed to attracting inward investment to the area, especially in order to boost our hi-tech, marine and sustainable industries.

"A recent report from the Audit Commission has confirmed that our ambitions are both long-term and realistic, and based on the needs of the local community. I strongly encourage residents to view the new strategy online and have their say on the future of tourism and the economy in the borough."

A draft version of the Strategy has now been sent to local businesses, and is available on www.weymouth.gov.uk/strategyconsultation for public consultation until March 17th.

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Giant crabs back at Sea Life Park

WEYMOUTH Sea Life Park is to once again display the largest crab in the world - the Japanese spider crab.

It has been four years since one of these amazing creatures was last on display, but a revamp of the park's venom exhibit and many requests from visitors mean the crabs are back during the current half term.

Park display supervisor Fiona Smith said: "We decided to broaden the range of creatures featured and re-christen the exhibition Oceans of The World.

"After careful consideration about what new creatures should go in the newly named exhibit, we turned to our customers for help and they all said it would be great to see the return of the Japanese spider crab."

These fascinating creatures are naturally found at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean around Japan and are believed to have a life expectancy of up to 100 years.

Fiona said: "Fully grown our three crabs could straddle a small car.

"I am really happy to be housing these creatures once again as they were definitely a customer favourite when they were here before."

Other new residents the Park hopes will fascinate visitors are the bizarre-looking frog fish and the giant zebra snail.

Fiona said: "We chose frog fish because they are one of very few species of fish that use their fins like feet to walk along the ocean floor.

"Zebra snails are not only about 20 times the size of their British garden equivalent with beautiful zebra like markings but they can also produce a rare and valuable pearl, which can fetch anything between £5,000 and £30,000."

The new exhibit is part of several new changes taking place at the Park this year, the biggest being the new shark breeding centre exhibit which will open for Easter.

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AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleaven

Unclaimed treasure

"I AM not an old maid" she insisted. "I am just an unclaimed treasure." I was talking to a middle-aged spinster and, so far as I know, she never was claimed!

Bibles too can be just "left on the shelf" whilst their owners neglect the treasure they possess. When a Bible was presented to our Queen at her coronation in 1953, the Archbishop described it as "the most valuable thing that this world affords".

If you think the Bible is a bit like a jigsaw puzzle, I suggest the following approach to get you started. First, find four corner pieces. They could be the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Then look for the edges or outline. Here you could read about the early church in the Acts of the Apostles. The difficult pieces fit more easily once we have sorted out the framework.

The late Viscount Montgomery, speaking to some of his generals said "Gentlemen, I read my Bible every day, and recommend you to do the same."

Personally, I also read my Bible every day and, like Monty, I recommend you to do the same. Try it. What you find might surprise you!

Improvements for bus passengers ...

by Harry Walton

FUNDING has been approved for a showcase scheme which will soon benefit Weymouth, Portland and Dorchester residents through improvements to public transport.

The county council's scheme is the first part of the Weymouth Transport Package to be delivered for the 2012 Olympic Games and the authority said it would bring local transport services into the 21st century.

All bus stops will be improved on the Dorchester-Weymouth-Portland corridor, with Dorset Works Organisation starting at stops on Portland and working north towards Dorchester.

Bus stops are being updated and work is already underway to install raised kerbs, replace bus stop flags and mark out yellow boxes on the road. Later this year work will start on a real time passenger information system which will put real time data at 100 of the most used bus stops, on buses, on the web and via mobile phones.

County transport spokesman Colonel Geoffrey Brierley said: " Transport package funding of £4.75m has been brought forward and part of this is being used to provide the new bus stops and install and test real time passenger information equipment before 2012.

"A local bus company in the area has also committed money to improve the local fleet of vehicles in time for the Games.

"Together, the transport package and the relief road will give us a more reliable public transport network between the three towns, encouraging people to use this more sustainable means of transport."

The showcase scheme will also fund the installation of electronic signs guiding motorists to available car parking spaces around the borough, CCTV cameras at busy town centre junctions and hi-tech air quality measuring equipment on Boot Hill and King Street.

The major Weymouth Transport Scheme bid for the 2012 Olympic Games, which will see further improvements to key routes in the town centre, has been submitted to the Department for Transport for approval.

... But delays for motorists

MOTORISTS may face delays for the next seven weeks when work starts next Monday (feb22) to widen a short stretch of Wyke Road in Weymouth.

Dorset County Council will be working on the carriageway at its junction with Portland Road to improve drainage and strengthen the wall of Wyke cemetery and there will be temporary traffic signals at the junction.

For the first two to three weeks of the works there will still be two-way traffic on Wyke Road, but the authority urged motorists to pass roadworks with care as the road will be narrower.

This will be followed by three to four weeks of three-way traffic signals on the two arms of Wyke Road and the one arm of Portland Road.

The final stage of the works will need to close Portland Road for up to four nights while the road is resurfaced. County project manager Chris Mercer said: "We're doing the work now to avoid clashing with Southern Gas works on North Quay and Boot Hill later this spring.

"These works are preparatory, ready for a larger improvement scheme at the Wyke Road junction with Portland Road needed as part of the Weymouth Transport Package.

"We're currently consulting with local residents before drawing up detailed designs for the final part of the junction improvements. This work will take place towards the end of this year."

More information on roadworks across Dorset is available on www.dorsetforyou.com/roadworks.

Prison officer found dead

A PORTLAND prison officer found dead at the bottom of cliffs has been named as 32-year-old Benjamin Anderson.

The body of Mr Anderson, who had worked on Portland for about 18 months, was found on a beach at Winspit Caves near Worth Matravers by a member of the public.

Police said the incident was not currently being treated as suspicious.

Rotary seek support for table top sale

PORTLAND Rotary Club is holding a table top sale at Community 2000.

The event is being held next to All Saints Church at Easton, from 10am-12.30pm this Saturday, February 20th, to raise funds for Rotary charities and the Rotary campaign, Thanks For Life – End Polio Now.

There will be a chance to see a dvd about the work being done to eradicate polio throughout the world.

Portland Rotary Club president Julia Lunn said: "For every £1 that is given to support immunisation against Polio, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will give another £1.78, so the vaccine which costs just 50p for one child will in fact save up to five lives and there will be stickers for those who support this appeal."

Julia's House Children's Hospice will also have a table and there will be lots of other tables throughout the hall and the church selling arts, crafts, bric-a-brac, jewellery, refreshments, clothes and many other things.

Tickets for a Salvation Army concert in support of the campaign will also be on sale, the event being held on February 26th in Easton Square Methodist Chapel, Portland from 7-30-9pm.

Some local musically talented youngsters from Royal Manor Arts College will be included in the evening's programme of music for all tastes .

Tickets cost £4 and include refreshments at the end of the concert. They are available all over the island and on 01305-782367, 01305-772789 and 01305-822864. Please put this date in your diary and come along and enjoy the music knowing that you will be doing your bit to help rid the world of this terrible disease.

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Popular business breakfasts

A RECORD number of local business people attended the February Business Breakfast in Weymouth.

The event at the Rendezvous, organised by Weymouth and Portland Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, saw 69 people attend to hear about the successful Weymouth Seafood Festival being held again this year.

Brewers Quay director Roger Dalton outlined plans for the event which will be held on July 10-11th.

Business breakfasts are arranged by Weymouth and Portland Lloyds TSB business manager Anna-Maria Geare.

She said they are held on the first Tuesday of the month except in August and December and added: "It is wonderful to see such a variety of businesses attend this early morning event. Our members are inviting guests which is proving a popular way of increasing the networking pool.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST: Organiser Anna-Maria Geare

"Everyone seems to enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of The Rendezvous and I understand that some good business contacts are being made and deals negotiated. I look forward to us expanding even further and maybe hitting the 100 mark!"

Chamber president Nigel Reed said: "The breakfast provides a good opportunity to meet with other local businesses, particularly useful if you're a new business in the area.

"We hope that guests who attend will see the benefit of both the breakfast and of chamber membership. This will help the chamber to remain the leading business organisation for Weymouth and Portland."

On Tuesday, March 2nd, Richard Bugler of Albert Goodman accountants will talk on succession planning for business owners while Tim Shorter of Mustoe Shorter discusses "fraud and legal developments" on Tuesday, April 6th.

Those interested can book their place with Anna-Maria Geare at annamaria.geare@bb.lloydstsb.co.uk or telephone her at 07921-548583.

Nearly there at Chickerell

PRESENTING THE CHEQUE: From the left are Lesley Rose, Katie Elliott, Hilary Bennett, Nathalie Carter, Lee Ann Carter, Mandy Murphy and Julie Cleaver.

FUNDRAISING group Chickerell@Play has almost reached its £8,000 target to help pay for much needed and long overdue play facilities in the village.

Their efforts have been boosted by a generous £2,000 cheque from the former Chikcerell Youth Club management committee.

The group has also been successful in conjunction with Chickerell Primary School and Chickerell Town Council in securing an offer of an Extended Schools grant from Dorset County Council for a brand new multi-use games area to be built this summer.

Chickerell@Play founder Julie Cleaver said: "The various fundraising efforts, kind donations from members of the public, local businesses, organisations and Chickerell Town Council have all contributed to the success of this community project, so we would like to thank everyone involved."

Grant aid available for those in need

WEYMOUTH and Portland residents are being urged to take advantage of one of four grants designed to keep them warm, safe and secure this winter.

Grants are offered while funds are available to help residents on low incomes.

The safe and secure grant for over-60s receiving means-tested benefits can help with essential repairs and security measures including hazard prevention, drainage and security issues. Council staff will also ensure that all homes visited are fitted with a smoke detector on every floor.

There is also an affordable warmth grant to help improve insulation, draft proofing and central heating. Warm Front grants are available to residents who are owner occupiers on means-tested benefits and are either over 60, have children under 16 or are disabled.

A low interest equity loan can cover any works required to bring homes up to the Government's Decent Home Standard, including repairs, electrical maintenance and replacing old or defective kitchens-bathrooms. Aimed at home owners, the loan is only repaid once the house is sold.

Finally there is the disabled facilities grant which is a loan of up to £30,000 to cover installation of stair lifts, accessible showers and other vital facilities depending upon the needs of the individual.

Weymouth and Portland housing spokesman Councillor Jean Woodward said the grants would help those who needed it most.

She added: "Not only does improving energy efficiency help the environment, but fuel bills can be significantly reduced and I am sure residents will welcome the opportunity to let the council carry out these works.

"It is also a great opportunity to get help with urgent repairs and maintenance works in order to bring living conditions up to a decent standard or to install essential facilities for the disabled at a time when finances may be stretched."

Residents who would like to find out more and apply for a grant should contact Paul Webb on 01305-838267 or 01305-838434.

FIRE CADETS with police staff at the firing range.

Fire cadets get a taste of police co-operation

by Harry Walton

FIRE cadets have been visiting police so they can get an understanding of how emergency services work together.

The cadets were given an opportunity to discuss the role of the police service, the different responsibilities they have, how this fits in with the fire and rescue service and how the two work together to keep Dorset's communities safe.

After a lively debate police staff took the cadets to the firing range and demonstrated how difficult it can be to identify a real gun from one that is a replica.

Fire Cadet Watch Manager Paul Starkey said: "A fire arms officer showed the fire cadets the various equipment that is used in Dorset, demonstrated the tazar and fired a number of rounds on the range.

"The session with Dorset Police has been vital for the fire cadets in gaining their BTEC award. They have been able to develop a clear understanding of how the two emergency services work together while expanding their practical, life and communication skills as part of a team."

Weymouth bobby is among award winners

A WEYMOUTH police constable was among those recognised at the Dorset Policing and Police Staff Awards ceremony held on Wednesday of last week

Police officers, police staff, special constables, volunteers and police community support officers all received awards at the special ceremony, held at the RNLI College in Poole, for for their outstanding work over the past year.

PC Tom Steadman, based in Weymouth, won the award for Patrol Officer of the Year – also known as the Hambleton Bobby Award.

In the past year PC Steadman made 127 arrests and he has built up an extensive network of contacts with the local community.

In June last year PC Steadman took it upon himself to personally check CCTV footage following the theft of a collection box for Falklands War veteran Simon Weston's charity for wounded service personnel.

The theft of this box caused widespread anger among the local community. After checking the CCTV footage, PC Steadman walked the route that the footage showed the offenders took and subsequently found further CCTV cameras that helped to identify the offenders – who were arrested and convicted for the crime.

PC Steadman said: "When I first heard that I was to receive the award I was delighted that my work had not gone unrecognised.

"Upon hearing the citation at the award ceremony last night alongside all the others I felt humbled. After all, I was simply doing what I am paid to do.

"Quite simply, I joined this job to prevent and detect crime, which is still my principal aim."

Dorset Police Chief Constable Martin Baker said: "I was honoured to present awards to so many members of our staff who have delivered exceptional work over the past year.

"The quality of the work that was celebrated at the ceremony was fantastic. I was delighted to take the opportunity to thank them all for their efforts and their continued hard work and dedication.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

Lovely weather - for ducks!

NOT a single car has sampled the delights of Weymouth's new relief road yet we have already had the first massive queue.

There were no angrily shaken fists from fuming drivers and no horns hooting to show displeasure. Instead there were -.contented quacks.

This particular queue consisted of about 30-40 mallards paddling along beak to tail and they were loving every minute of their time on the road.

This was because many of the churned up areas have accidentally trapped vast sheets of water while other areas are actually designed to catch water in ponds.

The result is a handy aquapark for ducks who clearly have lost no time in adopting these areas as their own.

Eider had trouble believing it myself if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes!

How much would it have cost us?

ONLY a total recluse could remain unaware of the mass of roadworks blooming like a bad rash across Weymouth and Portland.

Excavators dig trenches, lorries carry waste and specialist machines lay down a nice new black road surface, but it is what happens with some of those machines after they finish work which is annoying.

It is not like putting away a wheelbarrow. These things are big, some of them very big, and they take space.

So it was with some surprise as I walked in to town that I found a whole herd of them parked and silent on the old Westham bridge - some of them right across a yellow hatched "no parking" area - with others taking up several car parking spaces.

It was a Saturday and they had clearly been there overnight and were still there in the afternoon and, presumably right through the weekend, with not a fixed penalty ticket in sight.

I was miffed about that because of the way the rest of us have to be so careful how we park to avoid a ticket and then I thought to count the filled spaces and look at the parking charges.

Three public spaces put out of action right through a Saturday and a Sunday, say a total of 63 hours assuming all machines were removed on the stroke of 8am on a Monday morning.

A bit of mathematics to work out the perceived loss of revenue and I came up with roughly £420 and that's not counting all the other machines illegally parked which would generate fixed penalty revenue and a number of other machines parked on more public spaces nearby.

I know these machines can be unwieldy and it is common sense to try and store them close to where work is taking place such as Commercial Road, but surely there must be some storage area somewhere which could be used to keep access areas and public parking spaces free.

Genuine need, or just conning the public?

THEY were out in force the other day, people carrying half-rolled sleeping bags to their pitch on this or that street corner.

Then it was out with the plea for help written on a scrap of torn cardboard while settling down on the sleeping bag with the obligatory dog curled up beside them.

But very often this pathetic image of homelessness and need is jarred by something which is out of place.

Take the person I saw. If he was so desperate, so penniless and so hungry as his notice said, then why was I watching him stick a thumbnail in to open a brand new pack of 20 cigarettes?

Others plead poverty but sport designer clothes or state of the art footwear.

There are genuine cases of need but these others, who police tell me are often conning the public, make helping those who really need it that much harder.

Everyone knows coats are for wimps

WEYMOUTH is a law unto itself with the weather.

So it is perhaps not surprising that we got more snow in a recent passing shower than we did throughout the whole of the so called "Big Freeze".

I was returning from Martinstown in brilliant sunshine only to turn a corner and drive straight into a storm of snowflakes which swiftly turned fields and hedgerows white.

By the time we reached Weymouth everywhere had had a dusting and pedestrians huddling behind scarves were hurrying back to warm homes as the last swirling clouds of snow fell.

How typical, therefore, that one schoolboy was treating the entire icy episode – my car thermometer was registering zero – with complete contempt and a big grin.

Did he have a coat or gloves? Of course not because everyone knows that coats and gloves are for wimps.

Instead he was wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and a thin pair of trousers to protect him from the snow and freezing conditions as he strolled down Dorchester Road.

It was nearly as cold when he went to school that morning, so what was he wearing then? A pair of swimming trunks? It made me shiver just to look at him.

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The only thing Rebecca's gaining is members

THREE-years-ago, Beaminster mother of three REBECCA KING had seen her weight balloon to 16 stone and anything from a meal out with her husband to a walk to the beach became a challenging ordeal. Three years on and Rebecca has lost almost five stone, runs the fastest growing Slimming World group in the district and is helping over 80 members reach their weight loss goals. Rebecca spoke to View From reporter TOM GLOVER about her remarkable journey.

"NEXT time, try not to overindulge Mrs King", a throwaway remark from a midwife which proved the turning point for Rebecca's lifestyle change.

During her third pregnancy Rebecca's weight had become such a problem that it caused difficulties at the birth of her youngest son Lewis who was born weighing 9lb 11oz.

Since then, in just over two years, Rebecca has shed almost five stone and now runs the fastest growing Slimming World group in West Dorset.

"The midwife's comment stuck and I thought it's my fault I was big and it's my fault the baby was big," she said.

"It was a nightmare and I thought I'm going to prove to myself that I can do this and just because I've had children I don't need to be big."

As a child Rebecca had always been active but like many teenagers she succumbed to peer pressure and soon swapped sport for smoking to fit in with her friends, a habit which she also kicked with the start of her weight loss.

"As a child I was very active, very busy and very slim," she said.

"I was always wanting to wear clothes that other girls wore but was too thin. So to go from that to being bigger is a real shock to the system. I used to really struggle."

Rebecca had had reasonable success at Slimming World after the birth of her first child, losing over a stone before becoming pregnant for a second time.

"I did well but I wasn't really focused because it wasn't the biggest thing in my life at the time," she said.

"I wanted to get back to how I was but I was really enjoying running around, snacking and being a mum."

After the complications at the birth of her third child Rebecca was determined to make a success of her weight loss.

Living at Skilling in Bridport Rebecca joined her local group at St Mary's church hall, its location making it easy for her to fit in around her life as a working mum.

Despite years of struggling with her weight Rebecca now realised that the answer was there all along.

She said: "Just eat a healthy balanced diet, that's all it is. It's about working out good foods. I've really enjoyed it and anyone who comes round to eat at my house, eats the same food as me. It's normal food but just learning how to eat it. I used to get bored and just pick but now I know what to pick on that's not going to make me put on weight."

In 2008 Rebecca re-located to Beaminster but was determined to keep her weight loss going. Without a group in Beaminster to attend she found herself driving to and from Bridport on a regular basis.

Slimming World became a huge part of Rebecca's life, where she would regularly stay behind to help pack up and chat with friends, despite her early morning shifts as a cleaner at Bridport hospital.

The leader of her group in Bridport, Rachel, then planted a seed in Rebecca's mind for a group in Beaminster.

"Rachel said to me 'have you ever thought of doing this, you know how it works, you've lost the weight, you obviously love it because you're staying behind every night, so why don't you do it for you'," she said.

Rebecca took her up on this offer and after a series of applications, interviews and training sessions she opened her own class in January this year.

The opening night of her new group coincided with heavy snowfall in Beaminster and Rebecca began to wonder if she would get anywhere near the target of 25 new members which she had been set by Slimming World.

On the first night there were 26 new members and by the end of the month the group had over 80 members.

At her first quarterly meeting Rebecca received the Ruby Award from Slimming World for attracting over 40 new members in the month of January and was also recognised for having the most new members in the whole of the district.

"To be able to let people know how much weight they had lost the next week was the best bit for me, when they came back and I said the weight loss this week is seven and a half stone they were just shocked. The next week more people came, we were in the Skyrm room instead of the hall and we only just fit in and I thought 'what have I done'," she said.

"It's really good because everyone is communicating with each other, everyone is from the community so they are all talking to each other and the buzz in the group is unreal."

Rebecca herself had reservations about returning to Slimming World for the second attempt. Her mother, who had agreed to join in support of her daughter, found herself sitting alone in St Mary's Church Hall leaving messages on Rebecca's phone promising to walk out if she didn't turn up.

Rebecca has no regrets now though and urges anyone struggling with their weight to give it a go.

"It's a no humiliation thing and everybody's welcome, it's a room full of people who are just friends you haven't met yet.

"I meet every new member at the door myself and I go through what you are doing and how to do it and I weigh new members not anybody else.

"You don't discuss how much you weigh ever, unless you want to. The only thing we ever discuss in our group is a weight gain or a loss that week but if you don't want to talk about that you don't have to either.

"The group is a support group really. You sit and go through the week together and you just get loads of tips and ideas and support," she said.

Three years ago a walk from Bridport to West Bay would have had Rebecca in tears but now she has found a new lease of life, which she enjoys with her young family.

"Now I'm a healthy non-smoker and back into activity again," she said.

"I have loads more energy for the children, we all have bikes and quite often go bike riding and things and I love it.

"Losing the weight has changed my life loads. I'm more confident. If there is a conversation going on I feel I can join in whereas before, I wasn't shy, but I was more restricted and worried about what people would think of me.

"If I was going out for a meal with my husband or friends I would always panic about not having anything to wear and I would really worry about what to do."

For Rebecca, attending the Slimming World group in Bridport became a night out she looked forward to and that was what she hoped to achieve for others in Beaminster.

She said: "Going to group every week and making it a social night really did it for me. I have made some lifelong friends in Bridport and we had a really good time so hopefully people will get that from my group.

"My aim was to open a group and help people to lose weight and feel better about themselves, but also to have a social evening in Beaminster was really important as well and I've cracked it. It's been really good so far so hopefully it will stay that way."

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Stop in Dorchester for 'a nice cup of something'

■ If you are venturing out to do a bit of shopping in Dorchester this weekend then you'll probably need refreshment break and look for somewhere to buy a nice "cup of something".

Not only does the town have a great selection of shops but if you are looking for somewhere to rest those weary feet and recharge energy levels for the final shopping push, Dorchester is blessed with a superb choice of Cafes and Coffee shops offering a selection of fine foods and beverage to suit all tastes. Here are a selection of highly recommended outlets from which to choose: -

If shopping in South Street there are a number of delightful Cafes close at hand. You can drop into Char Chars for a warm soup and a selection of gluten free produce and on fine days relax and eat alfresco in the outdoor seating area.

The Corner, The Gorge Café and Costa Coffee all serve good coffee and a selection of cakes or you can nip into the historic Nappers Mite for a snack.

If you plan to visit Goulds department store, head upstairs and stop off at Café 11 to enjoy a cup of tea before resuming your shopping. Starbucks Coffee is just across the way and serves a variety of drinks and refreshments including a selection of sandwiches, croissants, cakes and muffins.

On Trinity Street you will find both Noah's Coffee Lounge and Taste.

A recent review describes Taste "as having a great vibe, always busy and the service is brilliant. It also has a great choice of food on the menu and they have a great kids menu with platters of fresh food.

Elsewhere, the Oak Room on Antelope Walk is ideal for morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. The Oasis located in the Borough Gardens is a great stop off point if you want to grab a quick snack for the family while the children have fun in the park. Or why not try the new Town Mill Bakery next to Waitrose down Tudor Arcade, a great new cafe, come bakery that has recently opened.

And there's more…

A reviewer recently wrote about The Old Tea House on High West St – "I would recommend stopping in this beautiful 'olde worlde' cafe if you are looking for delicious food, generously sized portions, and reasonable prices. The staff are pleasant and helpful, and the place is lovely and clean."

The Horse With The Red Umbrella located opposite the Dorset County Museum has the same welcoming ambiance and serves fantastic cakes and teas.

Potters Cafe Bistro located on the quieter Durngate Street is warm and inviting. The Walnut Grove is located on the same street and is an ideally stop off point if are planning to visit The Dinosaur Museum.

If you are planning to visit Dorchester Market on Wednesdays, then the onsite Cafe is idea for hot food, bacon rolls, cakes or nibbles. There are also loads of cold drinks to choose from to quench your thirst.

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The Old Tea House

Spooky company for high tea?

■ Built in 1635, this Grade II listed building is one of the oldest in the town and was the Abbot's residence. It has been a tea room since 1902 and has been superbly and sympathetically renovated by the current owners, Derek and Deborah Dalley, including the refurbishment of the old gas lamps which still work.

They also found a copy of the Abbot's Bible with a 15th century cover over a 12th century manuscript, lodged up the main chimney.

Derek is a chef and prepares most of the food which he tries to source from local farms and producers in the country. All of the cakes and scones are baked fresh every morning, and they serve good, hearty breakfasts from 7.30am to 10.00am.

As well as the traditional 'cream teas' there is always homemade soup of the day, a wide selection of sandwiches and hot baguettes and a daily 'specials' board.

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On the rails you will find items of everyday and evening wear from High Street favourites like Monsoon, along side labels from fashion giants such as Vivian Westwood, Armani, Karen Millen and Yves Saint Laurent. The shop is great for dressing for any special occasion and welcomes Brides, their mums and anybody else who needs that prefect individual outfit.

Victoria's Closet is also a must for accessories, offering new, pre-owned and vintage jewellery, as well as stylish handbags by the likes of Louis Vuitton and Dolche and Gabanna. You will also find a delicious range of underwear and corsets.

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Dorchester County Museum

■ On Thursday 18 February at Dorset County Museum you can enjoy an evening with Bonny Sartin of The Yetties as he explores one of his favourite subjects – Smuggling in Dorset – through word and song. This promises to be a lively evening in the superb surroundings of the Museum's gothic-style Victorian Hall. Some tickets are still available from the Museum and cost £7.50. The event starts at 7.30pm and a bar will be available.

On Saturday 20 February, for one day only, you can see images of the Dorset Coast as you've never seen it before – through the lens of a microscope! Come along between 10am and 3.30pm to take advantage of this unusual activity. There will be an opportunity for people to try out various techniques of discovery and the active exploration of sand samples from the coast. Everyone is welcome.

Finally, a new exhibition opens at Dorset County Museum on Saturday 27 February. Entitled Dorset Footprint, it showcases recent works by Dutch artist, Peter Ursem. Peter was born in The Netherlands and graduated in Drawing, Painting and Printmaking from the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in The Hague. Since moving to England in 1999 he has won wide acclaim with distinctive woodcuts, lino cuts and woodengravings of the Dorset landscape.

In Dorset Footprint, Peter depicts the landscape as seen on foot, finding that whilst as an artist he may look to leave his mark in the world, undeniably the Dorset landscape has left its impression in his work and being. This is a sales exhibition and entry is free.

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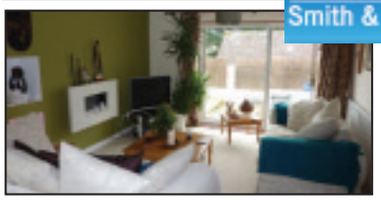

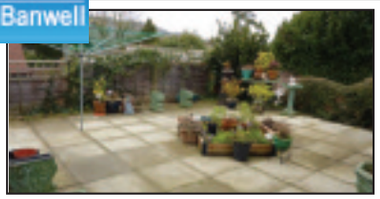

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View 2 Music

Girls on top

IF THERE'S one thing the Yanks are good at, it's putting on a show. It might be overblown, too long and a tad self-important, but the Grammy Awards set the standard when it comes to music related knees-ups.

Last night's Brits show would have done well to have equalled the spectacle of its U.S. equivalent, which this year was its normal, bombastic self.

The show opened with flavour of the month Lady Gaga mixing with rock royalty in the shape of Elton John.

Gaga began her set with a performance of 'Poker Face' before one of her back-up dancers dumped her into a "Rejected" bin. She emerged covered in what I presume was meant to be ashes and sat down at a 'duel piano' across from Sir Elton, who was also covered in some sort of muck or other.

The odd couple dueted on a mash-up of her 'Speechless' and his 'Your Song', which certainly got the L.A. crowd warmed-up for the evening's entertainment.

LADY GAGA | Performing at the 52nd annual Grammy Awards last week

But the star of the night was undoubtedly Beyonce, who won a total of six awards – including Song of the Year for 'Halo' – and broke the record for the most wins by a female artist on the same night.

Not to be outdone, and making it a great year for the ladies, country-pop upstart Taylor Swift won four gongs – including the prestigious Album of the Year – and topped her night off by singing with Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks.

Although I'm writing this before the winners are announced, you only have to look at the Brits nominees to see it's the same on this side of the pond.

The U.K. Top 40 has been dominated by female talent over the last 12 months. Whether it be the soul-inspired indie rock of Florence and the Machine or the electro synth-pop of La Roux, the girls have been on top.

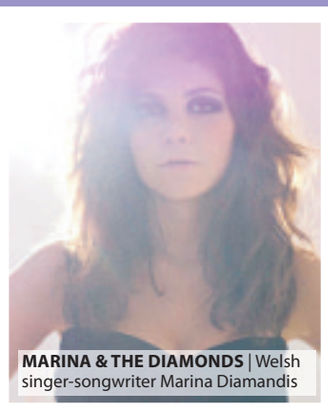
For my money though, the biggest talent to emerge over the last year has been Little Boots. Her poptastic, radio friendly hits are simply irresistible. If you've been living on Mars and have no idea of whom I'm waxing lyrical, imagine if Kylie could write her own tunes and actually play a musical instrument, and you might be somewhere on the right track.

Boots – real name Victoria Hesketh – is also known for playing a tenorion, an intriguing Japanese electronic instrument, which is basically a grid of L.E.D. switches which you can manipulate to create, well, a whole musical landscape. It only adds to Boots' already obvious appeal, sadly overlooked by the Brits panel of judges who have nominated her for the grand total of zero awards. Idiots.

The year to come will see yet more women rise to the top of the pops.

Ellie Goulding – who I saw supporting Boots last year – is hotly tipped and won the BBC's highly regarded 'Sound Of…' annual poll as well as the Brits approved Critics' Choice Award. Her debut album Lights is out next month and last year's single 'Under The Sheets' was one of my favourites.

Welsh singer-songwriter Marina Diamandis – better known by her stage name Marina and the Diamonds – is also set to make it big in 2010. Her debut album The Family Jewels is full of indie pop gems and is set for release next Monday (February 2010).



MARINA & THE DIAMONDS | Welsh singer-songwriter Marina Diamandis

by James Coles

Bridport Youth Dance perform SHUNT at the Arts Centre

THERE are still tickets available for their annual production at Bridport Arts Centre. Following on from last years successful showcase SHUNT is an exciting collaborative production by Nikki Northover with award winning performer Niki McCretton, composer Andrew Dickson and singer-song writer Sammy Hurden.

Additional choreography is by Nikki Penfold, Louise Turner and Xavi Monreal.

Performances take place on Thursday 25th, Friday 26th and Saturday 27th 2010 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £9 for adults and £6 for students.

Bridport Youth Dance is supported by Bridport Arts Centre, West Dorset District Council, Bridport Lions, Bridport Rotary, Brit Valley Rotary, The Wakeham Trust, Bridport Police Ball and West Dorset District Community Fund.

To book your tickets phone BAC box office on 01308 424204

Join the fun at Dorset Women's Day

AN action-packed day of free fun will be on offer at Dorset Women's Day.

Exciting workshops featuring belly dancing, gardening, photography, weaving, drumming, circus skills, knitting and much more will be on offer at the event at the Dorford Centre, Dorchester on March 6th.

The day has been organised by WAND, the Women's Action Network Dorset, to offer women a chance to network and try something new.

Sue Bickle, WAND Chairman, said: "It promises to be a lot of fun. We have lots of free workshops available so it is a great chance to try something you haven't done before.

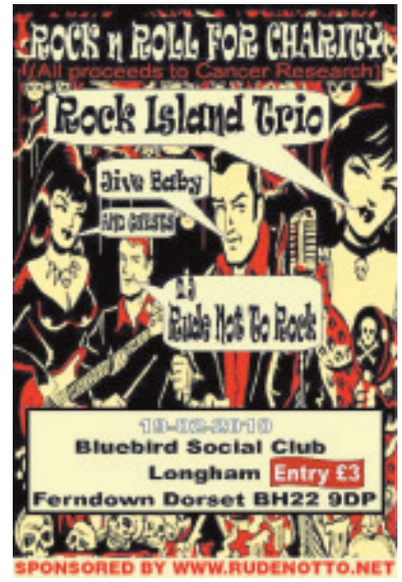
"The theme of this year's event is resourceful women, so whether you are taking control of your finances, growing your own lunch or simply interested in trying a new hobby, there will be something on offer for everyone.

"At WAND we are a lively bunch interested in women's issues, socialising and enjoying ourselves. If you'd like to get involved visit our stand at Dorset Women's Day or find us online at www.wand-women.org.uk"

A free crèche offering places for 20 children will be available on a first come, first served basis. Three hundred free goodie bags will be handed out and lunch will be available at the Fat Belly Café, run by women from the Bridport area. Entertainment will also be on offer from the Ladies of the Lawn singers.

Dozens of stalls offering information about Dorset businesses, charities and public services will be on display. Among the exhibitors will be Dorset Police, Virgin Vie Cosmetics, West Dorset District Council, Treats Toy Library, Dorset Library Service and Transition Towns Dorchester.

Dorset Women's Day has been sponsored by West Dorset District Council, Wessex FM, Dorchester BID, Dorset Cereals, Dorset Squared, McCarthy and Stone, Olives et Al, Poundbury Garden Centre, ReplensMD and Vitabiotics.



A hilarious, madcap visual treat

FORKBEARD FANTASY bring their latest production, 'The Colour of Nonsense', to the Marine Theatre this month.

View from's entertainments editor Rob Larcombe recently spoke to Tim Britton of Forkbeard Fantasy about the show.

Tell us about Forkbeard Fantasy

"Forkbeard was founded by Chris (Tim's brother), designer Penny Saunders, and myself in 1974.

We specialise in very innovative, individual multi-media theatre, implementing film, cartoon, mechanised sets and puppetry.

All our shows are really colourful visual treats, combining more and more hilarious, madcap results. We were one of the first British theatre companies to use film as part of our performances, and that couple with the other visual elements creates a great show.

Exactly what is The Colour of Nonsense

"The Colour of Nonsense is set in an art studio where things have been going down hill. Drastically.

Then, when all seems lost, a commission from a very shady character for a completely genuine invisible piece comes in, and it seems their prayers are answered, until the piece goes missing!

While all this hilarity is going on, my character, a cartoonist who is supposed to work on this main new project, is secretly working on a comic book, which is unknowingly causing many of the strange goings-on.

"The Colour of Nonsense is a real tongue in cheek take on the contemporary art world, set 50 years in the future. It's got many levels, and really makes you consider how and why you see things as you do, and it really highlights the ever changing fashions in art, and the creative hurdles that artists face.

"The story gives a huge nod toward The Emperor's New Clothes, and also Edward Lear – the Dong character is based on the character from his poem 'The Dong with the luminous nose'.

"The great thing about the show is that it really is accessible to all ages. The kids will like the bright colours and larger than life characters, and the adults will enjoy the story which really does make you think on many levels.

What brought you back to Lyme

"We wrote and performed a piece for the Fossil Festival called 'Brontosaurus.' We are all interested in fossils, and there are few places better than Lyme and Charmouth on the Jurassic Coast to look at fossils.

Having been commissioned to write and perform Brontosaurus, we really enjoyed our visit to Lyme, and when Ian (Stephens, Marine Theatre Creative Director) asked us back, we jumped at the chance."

TIM and Forkbeard Fantasy will bring 'The Colour of Nonsense' to The Marine Theatre on Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th, with performances taking place at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 or £8 in advance, and are available at Lyme Regis Tourist Information Centre (01297 442138), online at www.marinetheatre.org.uk, or on the door.

View 2 TV

Cowell blows a Gasket over talent

LIKE him or loathe him, you just can't ignore Simon Cowell - or his smash hit talent shows. But could one of the most recognisable faces on TV both sides of the Atlantic be starting to tire of the genre?

It's rumoured that midas-man Cowell is frustrated by the poor quality of acts auditioning for this year Britain's Got Talent. Nothing new there then?

The one act that sent Cowell into a frenzy was a 66-year-old who played a hosepipe connected to a toy penguin as a musical instrument.

Apparently Cowell told the 3,000 audience at the auditions: "I can't do this any more."

He stormed: "What the bloody hell? I am not going to be back next year. I am not kidding. I can't do this anymore. I am 50 years old."

Fellow judge Amanda Holden defended the act, saying the show was all about variety.

But she was quickly put down by Cowell, who retorted: "This is not what it is all about."

Other acts that had Cowell cringing was a stripping estate agent and a bizarre act involving a Shetland pony dancing to the Michael Jackson classic, Billie Jean.

A programme insider has described the run of contestants as "dismal" but there are hopes the standard will pick up before "Britain Has Talent" hits our screen. That'll be a first!

• REPEATS of American cult comedic sitcom Friends will no longer be shown on Chanel 4 or E4. When the last episode was made in 2004 it attracted over eight million viewers and the repeats have regular pulled in 400,000 viewers. But from autumn next year the sitcom, starring Jennifer Aniston and David Schwimmer, will be broadcast on Comedy Central.

A Channel 4 spokesperson said: "After 15 years, ten hit series and 236 terrific episodes, it's time to say goodbye to old Friends and welcome new ones."

• SOAP UPDTE: EASTENDERS' fans are getting very excited about the live episode this coming Friday. But what happens if it all goes pearshape?

Dierderick Santer, the show's executive producer, has revealed that there's a back-up tape of the show which will be slipped on if anything goes wrong.

The special live show is the culmination of EastEnders' 25th anniversary celebrations and will reveal who shot Archie Mitchell.

Santer told Inside Soap magazine: "We'll be filming the rehearsal, including the various versions of the reveal scene. That way - if something goes seriously wrong - to which the only alternative is BBC One going back, we can play the tape."

He claims that the tape will not be used to cover for actors fluffing their lines.

• COMING round just once very four years, the Winter Olympics provides one of the most exhilarating of sporting spectacles and this year is set to be the biggest and best yet.

With fifteen different sports and their associated disciplines, there really is something for everyone. But you are going to have to stay up all night to see any live action because of the time difference. But BBC2 will be screening highlights early every morning.

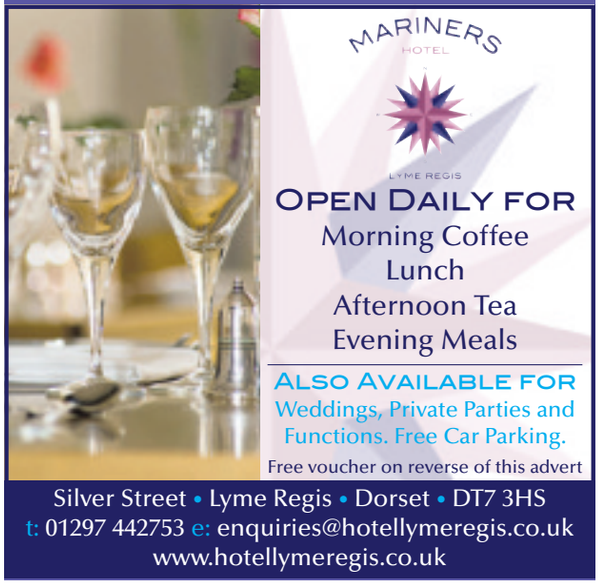
WINTER OLYMPICS | Opening ceremony in Vancover

The tragic death of one of the competitors in Vancouver underlines just how dangerous some of these sports can be.

Great Britain is expected a win a handful of medals, especially in the curling.

Excellent coverage over the next month on both BBC 2 and Eurosport.

by Philip Evans



View 2 Cinema

Modern twist on Ancient Greek Gods

INSPIRED by the first of a series of novels by Rick Riordan, "Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief" (PG) is based on the Ancient Greek gods but with a modern twist. When teenage Percy (Logan Lerman) is accused of stealing Zeus' lightning, he begins a journey to find the real thief in an attempt to prove his innocence and save his mother from the deadly god Hades.

Disney's latest release "Ponyo" (U) will keep the children entertained this half term. Based on Hans Christian Andersen's fairytale "The Little Mermaid", "Ponyo" is the story of a young goldfish and her desire to become a human, with an impressive voice cast including Cate Blanchett, Matt Damon, Tina Fey and Liam Neeson.

James Purefoy stars in the 16th Century-based "Soloman Kane" (15), which tells the story of a brutal captain always at war. When Kane attacks a mysterious castle in order to steal its riches, he and his men are attacked by demonic creatures. Although he escapes, Kane turns to a spiritual life of peace and purity, but can he make it last when he is needed to save his friend from evil?

Released Friday, February 19th

"The Lovely Bones" (12A) stars Saoirse Ronan ("Atonement") as Susie Salmon – a 14-year-old girl who watches over her family and killer from heaven following her murder in the 1970s. Susie struggles with her feelings of revenge versus the desire for her family to recover from the tragedy. Based on the best-selling novel by Alice Sebold, "The Lovely Bones" also stars Mark Wahlberg, Rachel Weisz and Susan Sarandon.

Released Friday, February 19th

Four-time Academy Award nominee Jess Bridges stars in "Crazy Heart" (15) as broken-down country singer Bad Blake. Bad Blake has lived the wild life for too long, with a list of ruined marriages and a problem with alcohol, he reaches out for help from journalist Jean (Maggie Gyllenhaal – "The Dark Knight") who discovers the real Blake.

Released Friday, February 19th

by Francesca Evans

PERCY JACKSON | Logan Lerman takes on the Greek gods

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The Princess and the Frog (U)
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Astro Boy (PG)
Tue - Thu: 11.20, 13.40, 16.00, Fri - Sun: 10.30, 12.45, 15.00
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ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO LATE CHANGES

Choral concert in Weymouth

EXPERIENCE an enjoyable evening of wonderful classical music in Weymouth.

On Saturday, March 20th Weymouth Choral Society, with the Wessex Sinfonia Orchestra, will present a concert of inspiring and resounding choral and instrumental music, featuring two major works of the classical composer Hummel.

The choir will sing the Mass in C Major, a work that reflects the lyrical and harmonic language of Haydn and Mozart, yet at times leans towards the denser textures of later 19th century composers. Experience a gamut of emotions with this inspirational work, sometimes soaring heavenward, sometimes delicate and reflective. The other major work is Hummel's ever-popular Trumpet Concerto.

This beautiful piece has proved a favourite of audiences since it was first performed on New Year's Day in 1804. The highly talented Dorset-based trumpeter, Winston Leese, will play this classic.

To complement these major works, the choir will sing the fast and furious motet Insanae et Vanae Curae by Haydn, the much-loved Mozart Ave Verum and the hauntingly beautiful Laudate Dominum from Mozart's 'Solemn Vespers' for which Weymouth Choral will be joined by the gifted young soprano Jenny Featherstone.

The concert will take place at Holy Trinity Church and starts at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £8 (free to under 16s) are available by phone on 01305 775644, by email info@weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk or on the door.

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10. Enlargement (9)
11. Struggle (5)
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14. Jovial (6)
16. Writer (8)
18. Elevate (7)
19. Map-book (5)
20. Forcemeat ball (9)
21. Distant (3)
22. Unintentional (11)

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2. Cover (3)
3. Public (5)
4. Decimal (6)
5. Forceful (7)
6. Every 3 years (9)
7. Competence (11)
8. Inessential (11)
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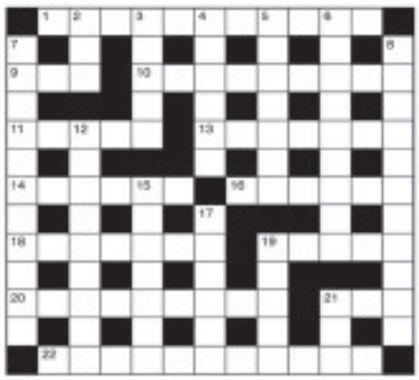

Last week's solution
Across: 1 Pick; 3 Preserve; 9 Erases; 10 Twice; 11 Schoolmaster; 13 Riddle; 15 Matter; 17 Discourteous; 20 Ennui; 21 Verbose; 22 Ordinary; 23 Gilt.
Down: 1 Pleasure; 2 Coach; 4 Resume; 5 Satisfactory; 6 Raiment; 7 Ever; 8 Recollection; 12 Prosperi; 14 Delighted; 16 Quiver; 18 Odour; 19 Zero.

CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be re-arranged to form words with a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is P. Symphony, arpeggio, rhapsody, all musical terms.

SUDOKU

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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Poetry for Pleasure ...

YOUNG parents, in their teens or twenties, do not always appreciate how soon their offspring will grow up and leave the family home. Nor do they necessarily foresee the sense of loss they will feel when that time comes. The Prophet, in Kahlil Gibran's eponymous masterpiece, was asked "by a woman who held a babe against her bosom":-

Speak to us of Children

And the Prophet said,
Your children are not your children.
They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself.
They come through you but not from you,
And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,
For they have their own thoughts.
You may house their bodies but not their souls,
For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.
You may strive to be like them,
But seek not to make them like you.
For life goes not backward nor tarries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth.
The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,
And he bends you with His Might that His arrows may go swift and far.
Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;
For even as he loves the arrow that flies,
So he loves also the bow that is stable.

We know that the prophet's words are wise but that doesn't stop a parent wishing that children could, like Peter Pan, have eternal youth. Longfellow certainly felt that way when he wrote his poem *Children's Hour.* In it he describes the fun he has playing with his small children, "Between the dark and the daylight/When the night is beginning to lower…" and he ends the poem with these two verses of fatherly wishful thinking:

I have you fast in my fortress,
And I will not let you depart,
But put you down into the dungeon
In the round-tower of my heart.

And there I will keep you forever,
Yes, forever and a day,
Till the walls shall crumble to ruin,
And moulder in dust away!

Mary Leader, a lawyer from Oklahoma, wrote this nostalgic poem for (and about) her daughter, Sara Marie.

Her Door

There was a time her door was never closed.
Her music box played "Für Elise" in plinks.
Her crib new-bought – I drew her sleeping there.

The little drawing sits beside my chair.
These days, she ornaments her hands with rings.
She's seventeen. Her door is one I knock.

There was a time I daily brushed her hair
By window light – I bathed her, in the sink
In sunny water, in the kitchen, there.

I've bought her several thousand things to wear,
And now this boy buys her silver rings.
He goes inside her room and shuts the door.

Those days, to rock her was a form of prayer.
She'd gaze at me, and blink, and I would sing
Of bees and horses, in the pasture, there.

The drawing sits as still as nap-time air –
Her curled-up hand – that precious line, her cheek…
Next year her door will stand, again, ajar
But she herself will not be living there.

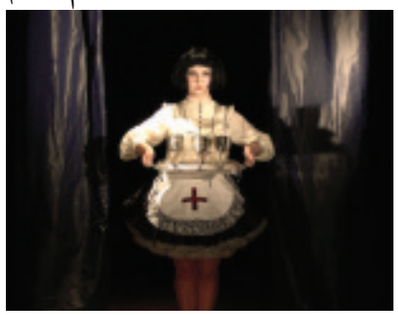
by Frank McGarry

A serving of Gothic horror

ONE of the most exciting and inventive theatre companies to have emerged from the South West in recent years, Rogue Theatre, makes a welcome return to the Artsreach circuit this month at Broadmayne Village hll with their new gothic horror show 'The Family'.

Rogue Theatre invites you to a sumptuous evening of stories, dark secrets, music and intrigue. An eccentric family live in an isolated mansion deep in the forest. As the evening erupts into a revelation of astonishing stories and secrets, the party atmosphere is disturbed by a haunting and a figure in the shadows. Is this the family's greatest fear? Has truth finally come to dinner?

With tales of piracy, voodoo and lost fame woven together with gothic poetry, 'The Family' promises a world of escape which mixes Rogue Theatre's trademark powerful narrative, vibrant spectacle, fantasy, the supernatural, horror and cabaret.



This show will introduce Rogue Theatre's newest creation, The Thieves; a theatre band which combines the passion and euphoria of gypsy music and the melancholy and nostalgia of tango with cabaret, bump and grind, jazz and blues.

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Itinerary: Dublin, Waterford Glass, New ross, Kilkenny, Avoca (Where popular tv series Ballykissangel was filmed), Glendalough, Wicklow, Hook Peninsula. Admission charges may apply.
SPECIAL OFFER WAS £479 NOW £429pp
Valid passport required. Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms

SCOTLAND
9 DAYS IN INVERNESS
DEPARTS: 20.06.10 RETURNS: 28.06.10
Your break will begin by spending one night at the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle (formerly the Lakes Court Hotel), a further six nights at the Inverness Palace Milton, and one night at the Hallmark on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Pitlochry, Lochness Boat Cruise Jacobite Experience (visiting Urquhart Castle with free time in Inverness) (weather Permitting), Funicular Railway, Cairngorm Mountains, Aviemore, baxters Highland Village, Fort Augustus to view the Lochs, Glen Grant Distillery at Rohes, Pringle Woolen Mill.
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WALES
NORTH WALES 6 DAY TOUR
DEPARTS: 04.06.10 RETURNS: 09.06.10
Your break will begin by travelling to Caernarfon and spending five nights at the Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Portmeirion Village, Conwy, Llandudno, Great Orme & Betws-y-Coed, Walled town of Caernarfon (the castle where the investiture of the Prince of Wales took place), Snowdonia National Park, Beaumaris Castle, Snowdon Mountain Railway, Flestiniog Railway to Porthmadog (going through the Llechwedd state caverns), Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll
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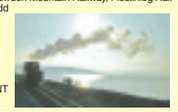

IRELAND
8 DAYS IN DONEGAL
DEPARTS: 05.09.10 RETURNS: 12.09.10
Travelling from Fishguard to Rosslare and staying one night at The Whites Hotel, Wexford. Then travelling to Donegal and staying five nights at The Central Hotel, then a further night at The Whites Hotel on the return journey
Itinerary: The Giants Causeway, Ballyshannon, Bundoran, Mullaghmore Head, Drumcliff (made famous by Poet W.B.Yates), Enniskillen, Donegal Bay Boat Trip, Silgo, Belleek Famous Pottery, Killybegs, Olencomcile Folk Village, Glengesh Pass, Ardara. Admission charges may apply
£599pp Single Supplements may apply, valid passport required, overnight bag required

IRELAND
6 DAYS IN WEXFORD
DEPARTS: 10.10.10 RETURNS: 15.10.10
Travelling from Fishguard to Rosslare then staying five nights at The Whites hotel, Wexford. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Dublin, Waterford Glass, New ross, Kilkenny, Avoca (Where popular tv series Ballykissangel was filmed), Glendalough, Wicklow, Hook Peninsula. Admission charges may apply.
£479pp Valid passport required. Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms

ENGLAND
5 DAYS IN CUMBRIA & THE LAKE DISTRICT
DEPARTS: 17.05.10 RETURNS: 21.05.10
Your break will begin by travelling north to Carlisle and staying four nights at The Hallmark Hotel (Formerly the Lakes Court Hotel). Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Carlisle to Heysham Via Hadrians Wall, Carlisle to Settle - return by train, Windermere with boat trip on the lake
ALL INCLUSIVE £399pp Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms

WALES
4 DAYS IN TENBY PEMBROKESHIRE
DEPARTS: 11.06.10 RETURNS: 14.06.10
Your break will begin by travelling to Tenby and staying three nights at the Clarence house Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price, as well as a 1 hour free house bar every evening on this tour.
Itinerary: St Davids (officially Britain's smallest city with the largest cathedral in Wales, Fishguard (a pretty north Pembrokeshire coastal town and harbour), Tenby (free time in the town), Carmarthen, Saundersfoot. Admission charges may apply
£279pp Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms

IRELAND
9 DAYS IN TRALEE
DEPARTS: 11.07.10 RETURNS: 19.07.10
Travelling from Fishguard to Rosslare and staying one night at The Whites Hotel, Wexford. Then travelling to Tralee and staying 6 nights at The Brandon Hotel then staying a further night back at The Whites Hotel on the return journey. Dinner, bed and Breakfast are include in the price
Itinerary: Dingle Experience, Ring of Kerry, Beara Ring, Lake Cruise and trip by jaunting car, Killarney, Muckross House and Gardens, new Ross, Middleton, Waterford Glass. Admission charges may apply.
£599pp Single Supplements may apply, Valid passport required.Overnight bag required.

ENGLAND
5 DAYS IN EASTBORNE
DEPARTS: 26.07.10 RETURNS: 30.07.10
DEPARTS: 13.09.10 RETURNS: 17.09.10
Your break will begin by travelling to Eastbourne and spending four nights at the Mansion Lions Hotel, situated on the Grand Parade. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Canterbury,Hastings, Beachy Head, Rye, Battle, Brighton, Leisure Day in Eastbourne
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IRELAND
9 DAYS IN LISDOONVARNA
DEPARTS: 22.08.10 RETURNS: 30.08.10
Travelling from Fishguard to Rosslare and staying one night at The Whites Hotel, Wexford. Then travelling to Lisdoonvarna and staying six nights at the Imperial Hotel and one night at the Whites Hotel on the return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Tipperary, Ennis Town (13th Century Franciscan Friary - The Burren), Aran Island by boat & The Cliffs of Moher (Weather Permitting), Bunratty Folk Park, Killimer, Kilrush, Kilkee, Milltown, Malbay, Galway. Admission charges may apply.
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ENGLAND
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DEPARTS: 20.09.10 RETURNS: 24.09.10
Your break will begin by travelling north and staying four nights at the Belgrave Madison Hotel.The establishment is a family run hotel ideally situated at the quieter more select part of Blackpool. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price
Itinerary: Skipton, Fouldridge Canal Boat Trip, Hawes, Settle (Watershed Mill) Leisure time in Blackpool
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SCOTLAND
7 DAYS IN INVERNESS
DEPARTS: 02.10.10 RETURNS: 08.10.10
COMPLIMENTARY BAR EVERY NIGHT 7PM-10PM. CAPE WINE WITH DINNER. PACKED LUNCH DAILY & NEWSPAPER. AFTERNOON TEA.
Your break will begin by spending one night at the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle (Formerly the Lakes Court Hotel), a further four nights at the Inverness Palace Milton, and one night at the Hallmark on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Pitlochry, Lochness Boat Cruise Jacobite Experience (visiting Urquhart Castle with free time in Inverness) (weather Permitting), Funicular Railway, Cairngorm Mountains, Aviemore, baxters Highland Village, Fort Augustus to view the Lochs, Glen Grant Distillery at Rothes, Pringle Woolen Mill.
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SCOTLAND
5 DAY SCOTTISH & NORTH ENGLAND TOUR
DEPARTS: 18.10.10 RETURNS: 22.10.10
Your break will begin by travelling north to Dumfriesshire and staying four nights at The Gretna Hall Hotel, situated in the heart of Gretna Green. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast included in the price.
Itinerary: Half day excursions to Dumfries, Carlisle, Hadrians Wall to Heysham, Lake Windermere, Kirkstone Pass. Admission charges may apply.
£269pp Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms

TURKEY & TINSEL
5 DAY SCOTTISH & NORTH ENGLAND
DEPARTS: 08.11.10 RETURNS: 12.11.10
Your break will begin by travelling north to Dumfriesshire and staying 4 nights at the Gretna Hall Hotel, situated in the heart of Gretna Green. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Half day excursion to Dumfries, Carlisle, Hadrians Wall to Heysham Lake Windermere, Kirkstone Pass
£299pp Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms

TURKEY & TINSEL
BLACKPOOL 5 DAY
DEPARTS: 15.11.10 RETURNS: 19.11.10
Your break will begin by travelling north and staying four nights at the Belgrave Madison Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Skipton, Settle, Fouldridge Canal Boat Trip (weather Permitting) Hawes Christmas Market, Time for Christmas Shopping in Blackpool
ALL INCLUSIVE £239pp Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms

HOLLY & MISTLETOE
4 DAYS IN TENBY
DEPARTS: 26.11.10 RETURNS: 29.11.10
Your break will begin by travelling north and staying four nights at the Belgrave Madison Hotel. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: St Davids (officially Britain's smallest city with the largest cathedral in Wales, Fishguard (a pretty north Pembrokeshire coastal town and harbour), Tenby, Carmarthen, Saundersfoot. Admission charges may apply.
£229pp Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms

TURKEY & TINSEL
7 DAYS IN INVERNESS
DEPARTS: 04.12.10 RETURNS: 10.12.10
COMPLIMENTARY BAR EVERY NIGHT 7PM-10PM. CAPE WINE WITH DINNER. PACKED LUNCH DAILY & NEWSPAPER. AFTERNOON TEA.
Your break will begin by spending one night at the Hallmark Hotel, Carlisle (Formerly the Lakes Court Hotel), a further four nights at the Inverness Palace Milton, and one night at the Hallmark on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.
Itinerary: Pitlochry, Lochness Boat Cruise Jacobite Experience (weather permitting), Funicular Railway, Cairngorm Mountains (weather permitting), Aviemore, Baxters Highland Village, Fort Augustus to view the locks, Glen Grant Distillery at Rothes Pringle Woolen Mill. Admission charges may apply.
ALL INCLUSIVE £569pp Limited number of NON-SINGLE SUPPLEMENT Rooms Overnight bag required

TURKEY & TINSEL
5 DAYS IN THE ISLE OF WIGHT
DEPARTS: 14.12.10 RETURNS: 18.12.10
Your break will begin by travelling from Lymington to Yarmouth and staying four nights at the Burlington Hotel, located in Sandown. Dinner,Bed and Breakfast are included in the price
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FEBRUARY 17TH, 18TH, 19TH & 20TH
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WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM: Today and Yesterday: Exhibition of Life, Work and History in the Char Valley. The past and present in photos and documents from the parishes of Whitchurch Canonicorum, Stanton St Gabriel and Wootton Fitzpaine. At the Village Hall from 10am - 5pm. Entry £2, children under 16 free.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19TH
CHARMOUTH: Bingo at St Andrews Community Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. All proceeds to St Andrews Community Hall. Call 07813513062 for more details.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20TH
BROADMAYNE: Raffle, craft, plants, books, jigsaws, cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. Held at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the church) from 10am - 12noon. All proceeds to St Martin's Communtiy Hall. Call 01305 852886 for more details.
BRIDPORT: Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale in aid of SPRING (Supporting Parents and Relatives In Neonatal Grief) at Bridport United Church Hall, East Street from 10am - 12noon. Free admission. Tombola, raffle, books, bric-a-brac etc. Call 01308 458598 for more details.
WEYMOUTH: Coffee Morning and Table Top Sale in aid of Salvation Army's Orphanage in Port au Prince, Haiti. At the Salvation Army Hall, Westham Road. From 10am until 1pm.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 22ND
BRIDPORT: Managing the Cerne Giant - illustrated talk at Bridport United Church Hall, speaker Rob Rhodes, Head Warden Dorset National Trust. From 2.30pm. Presented by the Golden Cap Centre of the National trust. Non-members welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 23RD
BEAMINSTER: Women in Agriculture - illustrated talk by Elizabeth Gale at Beaminster Museum, Whotcombe Road. From 3.30pm. All welcome. Telephone 01308 863577 for more details.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26TH
LYME REGIS: Tony Marriott to give presentation and judge competition at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm. Organised by Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Telephone 01297 444733 for more details.
BEAMINSTER: Concert by Sherborne School for Girls Madrigal Socety and Chamber Orchestra. Works by Purcell, Vivaldi, Faure and Britten. At St Mary's Church from 7.30pm. Tickets £6 from Church Office, 8 Hogshill Street, on the door or telephone 01308 862320 for more details.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27TH
LYME REGIS: Coffee morning Come and meet Dr Steve Bick , Labour Prospective Parliamentary Candidate over coffee. At Woodmead Halls, 10.30 am to 12.30, organised by West Dorset Labour Party, telephone 01305 854392 for more details.
BROADWINDSOR: Book and Jumble Sale at Broadwidsor School, refreshments available. Doors open 2pm , 50p entrance, children free.

SATURDAY MARCH 20TH
BROADMAYNE: Market 10 am - 12pm, St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne, (Next to the Church) Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws, Cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Sylvia Dooley 01305 852886.

MONDAY MARCH 1ST
BROADMAYNE: Salisbury Cathedral Choir Girl Choristers and Men in St Martin's Church Broadmayne at 7.30pm performing Music for Lent Including the Allegri 'Miserere and works by Harris, Naylor & Vaughan Williams. Tickets £7 from Corner House Stores Broadmayne, Eleanor 01305 853765 or Anne 01305 853074. (I have attached a photo of the Choir) for further information Anne Doxon 01305 853074.

MONDAY MARCH 22ND
WEST BAY: St. Swithuns Band Concert, St. John's Church, West Bay, 7.30pm. Tickets £5, plus raffle available on the door and at Harbour Stores, West Bay. All proceeds in aid of Haiti Earthquake Fund.

FRIDAY APRIL 16TH
BROADMAYNE: Market 2pm - 3.30pm, St Martin's Community Hall Broadmayne,(next to the Church) Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, local trout, sausages and eggs, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Sylvia Dooley 01305 852886.

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A touch of MADness will drive away the winter blues

MARVELLOUS Amateur Dramatics of Charmouth are driving away those winter blues with a "Summer Holiday" in Axminster next week.

The newly formed group have been rehearsing the show since October last year and are now ready to bring a bit of sunshine to audiences in February.

The musical stage production is based on the classic 1960s film of the same name made famous by Cliff Richard and, like the film, features hit songs including Bachelor Boy, In The Country and the The Young Ones.

The story follows a gang of l London bus mechanics on a road trip through Europe. After picking up a group of girls at the roadside the lads find a stowaway on board.

Their stowaway isn't quite what he seems and the group soon find themselves being pursued through the continent on their way to Athens.

The show promises to be an evening of great entertainment for all the family and the perfect way to wave goodbye to winter.

The show will be performed at Axminster Guildhall and will run from today, Wednesday, February 17th to Saturday, February 20th with a matinee performance on the Saturday.

Show times will be 7:30pm with a 14:30pm start for the matinee. Tickets are £9 adults, £7 children. To book phone 01297 33595 or visit Archway bookshop, Axminster.

We're all going on a Summer Holiday

Camilla Nock Through Darkness

CAMILLA Nock's large, subtle oil paintings have been selected for the Through Darkeness opening exhibition of a new season in the David West Gallery in Lyme Regis.

This is a bold choice, as these works are challenging and not easy to access. Strong and silent, they offer little that is immediate or obvious to the viewer. Give them time, however, and they will prove immensely rewarding..

Nock has done away with narrative plot and subject and replaced it with the idea of an abstract icon. 'The Bedouins' she says, 'say that Allah took away from the desert everything superfluous, leaving only the essential for the mind to meditate upon. Reduction of detail intensifies perfection: repetition generates power and energy flow.'

On thick canvases of linen, Nock paints thin-layered colour fields of oil: silvery-slate greys, greens of the palest olive, or blacks warmed by burnt sienna and umber.

Much of Nock's work is informed by legend, magic, even tales of the occult, paganism and predestination.

The exhibition runs from February 27th to April 18th at the David West Gallery, Town Mill, Lyme Regis.

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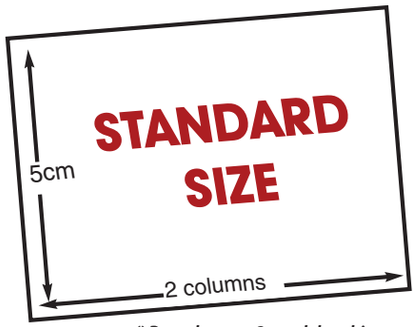

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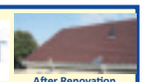
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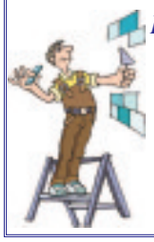

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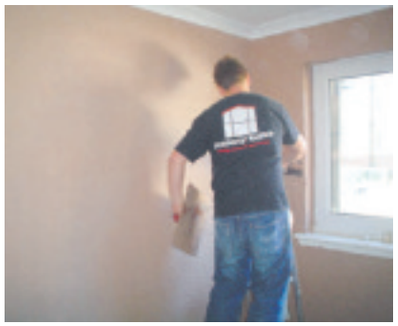

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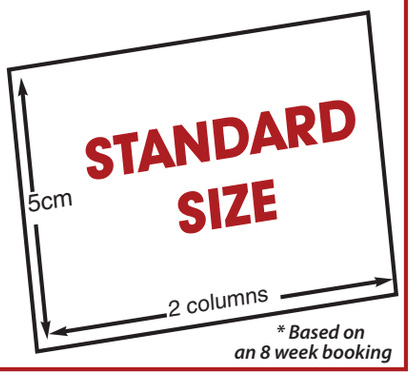

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Prices vary slightly between dealers, but a three-year, 27,000-mile plan can cost around £13 a month. However, until 31 March, eligible Fiat 500 and Punto Evo customers can sign up for the scheme completely free of charge.

That includes a service at least every 12 months using genuine Fiat replacement parts, helping to provide vehicle longevity, continued fuel economy and excellent performance. This also allows the car's service book to be officially stamped.

"Once you have made the decision to buy a new Fiat car, you'll want it looked after correctly," says Rob Calver, parts and services director, Fiat Group Automobiles UK. "We believe we have developed a plan for our customers that does just that.

"And what's more, it's free of charge for three years for 500 and Punto Evo drivers, and stays with the car, even if the owner changes. The plans will keep customers' new Fiats fully serviced and, therefore, safe, economical and operating to their optimum performance. Additionally, a car with a fully stamped service history commands a higher price at the time of resale."

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Hertz teams up with Nissan to bring electric cars to market by early 2011

Hertz seals commitment to green car rentals through innovative partnership

THE HERTZ Corporation (NYSE: HTZ), the world's largest general use car rental brand, today announced it has entered a joint commitment with Nissan to bring zero-emission mobility to car rental in the US and Europe by early 2011. Under the terms of their Memorandum of Understanding, Hertz will develop a program for the roll-out of Nissan LEAF at select rental sites in those two major markets.

As the world's first affordable, zero-emission car, Nissan LEAF ushers in a new era of eco-mobility that is in line with rising consumer demand across Europe. Designed specifically for a lithium-ion battery-powered chassis, the medium-size hatchback comfortably seats five adults and has a range of about 100 miles (160km) as tested by the LA4 Test Cycle, to satisfy real-world consumer requirements. The car will go on sale in Japan, the US and Europe in late 2010.

"The partnership with Nissan seals Hertz's commitment to green-car rentals and firmly demonstrates our mission to advancing zero-emission mobility on a global scale," said Mark P. Frissora, Hertz Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "With unique solutions like the Hertz Green Collection already available to our customers, we believe in continuously providing innovative mobility solutions to sustain the growing demand for eco-travel," he added.

Toshiyuki Shiga, Chief Operating Officer of Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. commented: "Our partnership with Hertz is an important step towards our goal of promoting widespread acceptance of electric vehicles. Together with our Alliance partner Renault, we aim to be the leader in zero-emission vehicles which we believe are one of the best solutions for sustaining the growing need for transport across the globe."

The Renault-Nissan Alliance will start mass-marketing electric vehicles globally in 2012. To lay the foundations for widespread expansion, the Alliance has already formed partnerships with more than 40 governments, cities and other organizations in Japan, the US and Europe to advance the deployment of EVs worldwide. This includes developing a comprehensive charging infrastructure through public and private investment; incentives and subsidies from local, regional, and national governments; and public education on the individual and societal benefits of zero-emission mobility.

In the future, Hertz and Nissan plan to expand Nissan LEAF electric vehicles into Hertz's global car share service, "Connect by Hertz." By applying the same innovative model to car sharing, this would allow the Renault-Nissan Alliance to scale up availability and acceptance of electric vehicles across a wide consumer base in some of the world's most densely populated cities.

"The flexibility and environmental credentials offered by the existing Connect by Hertz fleet presents an ideal opportunity for the expansion of electric cars into the car-share market," added Frissora. "With its performance and energy efficient technology, we're confident that Nissan LEAF will be popular with existing customers and help attract new eco-conscious motorists."

▲ The Nissan LEAF

Don't be a victim of car crime, says IAM

DESPITE alarm systems being fitted as standard and an increase in video surveillance over the years, the IAM (Institute of Advanced Motorists) has warned against complacency and given drivers advice on how to reduce the chances of a car break-in or theft.

Peter Rodger, IAM Chief Examiner, said: "It seems obvious, but we'd still remind drivers, where possible, to park in a well lit, busy area with valuables out of view - and make sure your car has both an alarm and an immobiliser.

"Never underestimate the determination of some thieves: don't leave your car keys in a bowl or on a rack by the door - one of the most common methods of stealing a car is using a pole to reach through the letterbox to get the keys," said Mr Rodger.

If you have a garage, now's the time to clear out the ski boots and rolls of old carpet and make way for the thing it was built for – your car – although cars have got bigger over the years, meaning most of us have to park outside which affects both road safety and car security.

More advice on avoiding car crime:

- Try to use a car park with the 'Park Mark' logo which means it has achieved basic standards of security - but remember that you have no consumer rights in a car park and the car park operator has no legal responsibility whatsoever to protect your car.
- Thieves will break into homes to get the keys to steal a car. If your car is high value, check the security of your home.
- Don't leave the keys in the ignition when filling up your car with fuel or warming it up - remember your insurance could be invalidated if you do and your car is stolen.
- Don't leave a satnav fitting on display, and rub off any ring left on the windscreen by the suction pad - a thief will smash the window and go straight to the glove compartment to find it.
- Never store your car's documents within it and keep the glove box empty, leaving it open to make it clear there isn't anything inside.
- Consider fitting a vehicle tracking device to help track and find your car if it gets stolen.

Mr Rodger added: "The value of property stolen from your car may be relatively low, but the cost of repair to the car will be considerably more, not to mention the inconvenience, so vigilance and common sense could save you money and hassle.

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PERRY STREET LEAGUE WITH HOWARD LARCOMBE

SEASIDERS GO JOINT TOP

White Horse blow three goal lead

SPOT-KICK: Malcolm Darby held his nerve to land Lyme vital win.

OPENER: Brandon Scadding helped Pymore off bottom spot

DOUBLE: Ross Pickett scored twice in Beaminster Res cup win

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP QUARTER-FINAL

SOUTH Petherton had little difficulty in easing past Yeovil Premier League mid-tablers Milborne Port at Lightgate Lane.

Jody Bovey's 19th goal of the season gave Pethy and interval lead. The hosts' semi-final slot was confirmed when John Hayter took his tally to the season to a round dozen when he converted a 65th minute penalty. Petherton player-manager Karl Diment has clearly targeted this competition this year, he said: "It's been a long, long time since the club won the trophy. Personally, I've never made the final – the closest I came was a semi-final when I was playing for Martock, I really want to go all the way this time."

TOMMY TABBERER CUP QUARTER-FINALS

THERE was a shock at First Avenue as runaway Division Two leaders Millwey Rise' 11-game unbeaten run was end by Forton Rangers Reserves 5-3.

Things appeared to be going with form when Bryan Perryman gave Rise a 1-0 half-time lead. But a goal flurry in the first 10 minutes of the second period saw Rangers take a 2-1 lead before an own goal leveled things up. But the visitors weren't to be denied and gained revenge for a 2-0 defeat in the corresponding League fixture as they stormed through to lead 4-2 before Mike Knight gave the Devonians some hope. This was extinguished 10 minutes from time and Rangers ended a miserable run of eight aways without a win.

Another of the promotion chasers was toppled at the Memorial Ground in Beaminster as Norton Athletic crashed out after a penalty shoot-out. The Norts were in control with a 2-0 advantage at the turnaround. Dan Pyett pulled one back for the hosts but the two-goal cushion was restored soon after. Enter Ross Pickett. The ex-Chard Town striker struck twice to force the game into extra-time.

But the teams couldn't be split and the Rainbows held their nerve the better to win the spot-kicks 3-1. With Beaminster manager Robin Ormsby currently on holiday in South Africa his assistant Pete Stone selected midfielder Nick Cowie as his Man-of-the-Match.

KENNY HODGES CUP QUARTER-FINALS

FARWAY United Reserves were given free passage into the semi-finals when Barrington Reserves failed to raise a team for the trip to Eastlee Park.

A depleted Waytown Hounds squad travelled with just 10 players to face Ilminster A for the third time in five matches and were duly thumped 8-1. Luke Lazenby led the goal-fest with four and there were doubles for Josh House and Luke Woodard. Mike Ackerman scored a free-kick for the Hounds' consolation.

There was a nine goal ding-dong battle at Horseshoe Lane where visiting Chard United maintained their good form with a 5-4 win over Thorncombe Reserves. Stefan Coombes (2), Ricky Anderson, Kristian Rockett and Scott Miller scored for Chard with first team manager Gary Parsley (2), James Johnson and Brett Venn, with a 40-yard bullet, replying.

Richard White scored twice to take his tally to 13 for the season as Winsham United Reserves edged past Hinton Reserves 3-2. The teams traded own goals and Kenny Forbes bagged the Saints other goal.

PREMIER DIVISION

AN 82nd minute penalty from Lyme Regis defender Malcolm Darby could prove to be crucial in the race for the Premier Division title.

Opponents Misterton had held the Seasiders goal less up to this point. But when Aaron Cleal's miscued shot looped over the Missy keeper Jack Flatt had no option than to handle to keep the ball out of the net. Flatt was red-carded – as he was in the reverse fixture on the opening day of the season – and Darby slotted home the spot-kick to send Lyme joint top with Beaminster and seal their nine successive away win. Seasiders' manager Robin Townsend wasn't impressed, he said: "We were awful. That was the worst performance I've seen since I've been in charge here. We just couldn't get going and looked really rusty." Townsend's opposite number Adge Diment picked out Chaz Warren, up from the Reserves, and Ian Barker as his top performers.

It was celebration time at Charmouth as goals from Sam Burke and Shaun Meyers helped the Robins to their first point of the season after a 2-2 draw with visiting Crewkerne Town.

Crewkerne started well and were ahead in the second minute through defender Richard Crabb. But the Robins took flight and turned things around to lead 2-1 at the break.

Indeed, Meyers strike, his 10th of the season, looked to have won the game but a last gasp penalty from Tigers' skipper Jamie Spurdle ensured the points were shared. Charmouth manger Mike Walton was impressed with his centre-back pairing of Andy Tipping and Paul Miners whilst Harry Charles was top man for the visitors.

Merriott Rovers netted their first away points of the season with a 3-2 win at Perry Street. Ben Stevens put Street ahead but Martin Russell leveled before the interval. The Mothers' top-scorer Kris Groves bagged his 13th of the campaign but back came the Rovers again and Tom Case scored the second equalizer. At this point the game turned on a pivotal incident when Perry Street had the ball in the net again only for referee Jeff Farley to rule it out for a foul -a decision which disappointed Street manager Darren Pinney. Salt was rubbed into the wound as Barry Hayne netted a late winner for Merriott who move up two places to seventh. Some consolation for the hosts was the performance of centre-back Stuart Larcombe.

"We've got a gypsy's curse on us!" joked White Horse manager Ian Pincombe as he saw his team squander two points after blowing a 3-0 lead against Ilminster Town Reserves at Symondsbury.

Despite going into the game short on confidence after an eight game losing run A Lee Quincy header and John Kingston gave Horse breathing space at the break. Quincy's second, a 25-yard screamer, seemed certain to have given his side a much-needed three points.

But Ilminster have a good record on the road and stormed back with goals from Scott Jennings (2, one pen) and Simon Manley. "I think we've forgotten how to win," added Pincombe.

Combe Reserves ended a run of four away defeats with a fine 4-2 win at Barrington. Phil Denslow (2), Dave Masters and skipper Jon-Paul Doyle scored for the Saints with Gary Stranger and Steve Reeks replying for the hosts.

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beaminster	9	8	0	1	44	8	24
Lyme Regis	9	8	0	1	25	10	24
South Petherton	8	7	0	1	41	6	21
Barrington	11	6	2	3	25	26	20
Combe Reserves	12	6	1	5	28	26	19
Ilminster Res.	11	4	3	4	28	21	15
Merriott Rovers	9	5	0	4	23	26	15
Perry Street	12	4	2	6	26	41	14
Crewkerne Town	14	4	1	9	31	40	13
Misterton	10	3	3	4	17	21	12
White Horse	9	1	1	7	14	26	4
Charmouth	12	0	1	11	16	67	1

DIVISION ONE

MARK Cawley's hat-trick fired West & Middle Chinnock to a crushing 7-1 win over Chard Rangers at Jocelyn Park.

Ian Masters, Nick Eckland, Simon Hebditch and an own goal made up the magnificent seven as the Chinnocks surged back to the top of the table.

An Andy Fish strike for Ilminster Colts put a huge dent in Forton Rangers' promotion aspirations.

Meanwhile James Sayers was a man in form for Netherbury. Sayers struck twice in the first-half to put his side in control against Farway United who were on the road for the seventh time in succession. A 25-yard thunderbolt from James Salter gave the Devonians something to show for their travels. Netherbury boss was honest enough to concede his opponents were worth a point.

Pymore's 3-1 win at the Davey Fort sees them swap places with Lyme Regis Reserves who slumped to the bottom of the table.

Youngster Brandon Scadding opened the scoring after seven minutes and a defensive howler gifted Alex Goodrick with an empty net for the second on the half-hour. Lyme came into the game more after the restart and Ben Morgan struck the cross bar before Ryan Fifer made it 2-1 in the 61st minute.

But the win was sealed for the visitors by skipper Leigh Hansford 15 minutes from time.

Top performer for a very off-colour looking Seasiders was midfield anchor Luke Clifton.

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W & M Chinnock	8	6	2	0	38	15	20
Merriott Reserves	9	6	1	2	22	14	19
Forton Rangers	9	5	2	2	16	12	17
Farway United	9	4	3	2	18	12	15
Ilminster Colts	8	4	3	1	19	16	15
Netherbury	7	3	3	1	18	12	12
Winsham United	9	3	2	4	21	20	11
Chard Rangers	11	3	2	6	19	38	11
Thorncombe	9	2	1	6	20	22	7
Perry Street Res	9	1	2	6	21	30	5
Pymore	7	1	2	4	10	19	5
Lyme Regis Res	7	1	1	5	13	25	4

DIVISION TWO

A FIERY encounter between Uplyme and South Petherton Reserves ended all-square at 3-3 at Venlake.

Pethy led three times through Dean Smith (2) and Dan Rogers but the plucky hosts kept pegging away and got a hard-earned, but deserved point with goals from Adam Neale, Gavin Fowler and Max Borgeat and ended an eight game losing run in the process.

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Millwey Rise	11	10	1	0	32	14	31
Norton Athletic	9	7	0	2	35	17	21
Dowlish & Don	12	6	1	5	41	35	19
Shepton Beau	8	5	1	2	28	8	16
Hinton St George	11	4	2	5	28	22	14
Beaminster Res	9	4	1	4	17	21	13
S.Petherton Res	10	2	4	4	24	24	10
Forton Reserves	9	2	3	4	13	19	9
Drimpton	9	2	1	6	18	36	7
Chard United	9	2	0	7	14	40	6
Uplyme	9	1	2	6	14	28	5

DIVISION THREE

LYME Regis Bantams pulled one of the shocks of the day winning 3-1 at promotion-chasing Fivehead United. Jamie Jones gave the Seasiders a 25th minute lead. The hosts looked all set to level on the strike of half-time but Jimmy Larcombe pulled-off a fine penalty save for Lyme.

A Tom Bond cracker put the visitors in control before Kevin Church broke the Fivehead duck. But Neil MacKenzie's side weren't to be denied their three points and sealed the win when Jones notched his second ten minutes from time.

Hawkchurch overcame the loss of centre-backs Martin Bright and Lee Herrod through injury to net all three points as Glenn Harding scored the winner in a 1-0 win at Shepton Beauchamp Reserves.

Crewkerne Rangers beat Misterton Reserves with hat-tricks from Simon Denslow and Adam Tanner saw Rangers cruise to a 6-2 triumph.

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hawkchurch	12	10	0	2	45	25	30
Misterton Res	12	7	1	4	34	30	22
Crewk Rangers	9	6	0	3	39	17	18
Fivehead United	10	5	2	3	20	20	17
Millwey Rise Res	11	5	0	6	27	26	15
Lyme Bantams*	10	5	0	5	29	22	12
Luso-Chard	8	4	0	4	31	25	12
Crewkerne Res	7	4	0	3	21	16	10
Combe A	8	3	1	4	15	19	10
Shepton Res	11	3	0	8	23	39	9
Chard Rang Res	12	1	0	11	14	59	3

* = points deducted

DIVISION FOUR

MAN-of-the Match Stuart Weir's 13th goal of the season couldn't save Hawkchurch Reserves from a 2-1 home defeat by Combe B which gave the Saints their first away win for 15 months.

Division Four	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Winsham Res	13	8	3	2	51	36	27
Farway Utd Res	10	7	3	0	40	15	24
Waytown Hounds	10	7	0	3	44	23	21
Chard United Res	11	6	2	3	34	24	20
Ilminster Town A	10	6	2	2	31	21	20
Hinton Reserves	13	5	3	5	27	36	18
Combe B	15	5	1	9	49	48	16
Barrington Res	10	4	1	5	33	29	13
Thorncombe Res	11	2	2	7	21	34	8
Charmouth Res	11	2	1	8	12	56	6
Hawkchurch Res	12	1	2	9	22	42	5

RESULTS

Saturday February 13th

Somerset Junior Cup Quarter-final
South Petherton 2 Milborne Port 0

Tommy Tabberer Cup Round 2
Beaminster Reserves 3 Norton Ath 3 aet (Beaminster won 3-1 on penalties)
Millwey Rise 3 Forton Rangers Reserves 5

Kenny Hodges Cup Round 2
Farway Res w/o Barringn Res (withdrew)
Hinton Reserves 2 Winsham Reserves 3
Ilminster Town A 8 Waytown Hounds 1
Thorncombe Reserves 4 Chard Utd Res 5

Premier Division
Barrington 2 Combe St Nicholas Res 4
Charmouth 2 Crewkerne Town 2
Misterton 0 Lyme Regis 1
Perry Street 2 Merriott Rovers 3
White Horse 3 Ilminster Town Reserves 3

Division One
Chard Rangers 1 West & M Chinnock 7
Forton Rangers 0 Ilminster Town Colts 1
Lyme Regis Reserves 1 Pymore 3
Netherbury 2 Farway United Reserves 1

Division Two
Chard United 2 Dowlish & Donyatt 7
Uplyme 3 South Petherton Reserves 3

Division Three
Crewkerne Rangers 6 Misterton Res 2
Crewkerne Res 4 Chard Rangers Res1
Fivehead United 1 Lyme Bantams 3
Shepton Beauchamp Res 0 Hawkchurch 1

Division Four
Hawkchurch Reserves 1 Combe B 2

FIXTURES, Saturday February 20th
Somerset Interm Cup Round 4 2pm
Forton Rangers v Bridgwater Sports
Ilminster Colts v West & Middle Chinnock

Challenge Cup Round 2 2pm
Beaminster v Lyme Regis
Perry Street v South Petherton
All matches below kick off at 2.30pm

Premier Division
Combe Reserves v Merriott Rovers
Crewkerne v Misterton
Ilminster Town Reserves v Charmouth
White Horse v Barrington

Division One
Chard Rangers v Netherbury
Farway United v Winsham United
Lyme Regis Res v Perry Street Reserves
Pymore v Thorncombe

Division Two
Chard United v Millwey Rise
Hinton St George v Beaminster Reserves
Norton Athletic v Drimpton
South Petherton Res v Shepton Beau
Uplyme v Dowlish & Donyatt

Division Three
Combe A v Misterton Reserves
Crewkerne Rangers v Luso-Chard
Fivehead United v Chard Rangers Res
Millwey Rise Reserves v Crewkerne Res
Shepton Beauchamp Res v Lyme Bantams

Division Four
Barrington Reserves v Farway United Res
Charmouth Reserves v Hawkchurch Res
Thorncombe Res v Chard United Reserves
Waytown Hounds v Hinton Reserves
Winsham United Reserves v Ilminster A

LYME REGIS SKITTLES LEAGUE

RESULTS for week ending Sunday, 1th February:

LADIES DIVISION: Deano's Divas 259 Smashers 296 (S.Light 57), Castaways 290 Bids & Babes 330 (H.Taylor 62), Wootton Wobblers 285 La Creme 264 (R.Parsons, A.Gillings 57), Abandon Ship 342 Rock-A-Byes 376 (A.Williams 75), Oh So Georgeous 328 Generations 308 (L.Wellman 66).

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Bids & Babes	12	8	2	2	18	16
Smashers	12	9	0	3	18	8
Oh So Georgeous	12	8	1	3	17	14
Wootton Wobblers	12	7	0	5	14	10
La Creme	12	6	1	5	13	6
Rock A Byes	12	6	0	6	12	15
Rollercoasters	12	6	0	6	12	10
Just Us	12	5	1	6	11	21
Hot Gossips	12	5	0	7	10	9
Generations	12	4	1	7	9	14
Abandon Ship	12	5	0	7	8	12
Deano's Divas	11	3	0	8	6	9
Castaways	11	3	0	8	6	8

MISSING RESULT: Castaways v Deano's Divas (December 17th).

Ladies Bob Sweetland Cup Round Two: Bids & Babes v Oh So Georgeous, Just Us v La Creme, Wootton Wobblers v Rollercoasters, Abandon Ship v Castaways.

MENS DIVISION ONE: Clueless 316 Marksmen 378 (S.Beal 70), Rousdon Rebels 309 Cowboys 306 (J.Billson 61), Alleytwits 323 Flyers 355 (J.Parsons 66), Anthill Mob 315 Skippy's Six 338 (B.Aldridge 68), Roadrunners 329 No Hopers 381 (J.Broome 78).

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Cowboys	13	8	0	5	16	18
Roadrunners	13	8	0	5	16	18
No Hopers	12	8	0	4	16	11
Flyers	13	7	0	6	14	14
Skippy's Six	13	7	0	6	14	13
Marksmen	13	6	0	7	12	13
Anthill Mob	13	6	0	7	12	10
Rousdon Rebels	13	6	0	7	12	9
Clueless	12	5	0	7	10	9
Alleytwits	13	3	0	10	6	13

MENS DIVISION TWO: Trappers 350 Wootton Tornados 383 (M.Bartlett 76), Hot Rocks 363 Willy's Wanderers 308 (S.Batey 64), Miscellaneous 362 British Legion 347 (R.Gapper 76), Shakers 304 Wreckers 350 (R.Beviss 62), Presidents Men - free week.

	P	W	D	L	Pts	Beer
Wootton Tornados	12	10	0	2	20	13
Hot Rocks	12	9	0	3	18	17
Wreckers	12	9	0	3	18	16
Miscellaneous	12	7	1	4	15	16
Presidents Men	11	7	0	4	14	10
Sherberts	12	6	1	5	13	12
Young Guns	11	5	0	6	10	15
Trappers	12	4	1	7	9	12
British Legion	12	2	1	9	5	6
Shakers	10	2	0	8	4	9
Willy's Wanderers	12	1	0	11	2	2

COLYTON U15 1 UPLYME 4

Under 15 East Devon League Cup Quarter-Final

FIRST-HALF goals from Sam Jones and Jack Heath put Uplyme in control of Sunday's quarter-final cup-tie

However, Colyton responded and pressed forward requiring Uplyme's defenders - notably Callum Taylor, Will Ridout and Jamie Wellman to work hard and keeper James Dunford to pull out a couple of spectacular saves.

The second half began with Uplyme driving forward again and scoring twice more thanks to a powerful header by Pile and another goal from Jones.

Nevertheless Colyton fought back producing a fairly even second session with exciting play at both ends. Eventually, late on in the match, Colyton were rewarded with a late consolation gaol..

Uplyme's Man of the Match was keeper James Dunford. Uplyme's next match is on Sunday 24th February at home to Honiton.

BRIDPORT BOXING

Boxing show is definately ON

DESPITE rumours to the contrary, Bridport Boxing Club's next tournament on Saturday March 13th is definitely going ahead.

Coach Alan Slaney was dismayed last week to hear rumours around the town that the club's next big night at Freshwater Holiday Park had been cancelled.

"Even Alan Davies in Thresher's, who are selling the tickets, said he had been told that it had been cancelled. I don't know where the story started but it is totally untrue. We have a full programme with boxers representing the Navy as well as others from Coventry and Plymouth as well as many of the local clubs."

Top of the bill is the Apollo light heavyweight Luke Whane who will be taking on one of the Navy's big boys, whilst Slaney intends to blood some of the Bridport club's young up and coming boxers.

"We've got some good young boxers in the club and this will be their first competitive bout. Also making his debut for the club will be Matt Nicholson. He's a 24-year-old heavyweight from Crewkerne and looks a good prospect."

Slaney also hopes to put on two ladies bouts, the first time ladies have appeared on the programme.

"We have some good lady boxers in the club who have been training hard, and I think I have been able to match them up with good opponents.

Slaney is not prepared to name them at the moment. "It will be a big enough night for them as it is being the first ladies to box on one of our tournaments. It is nerve wracking enough for the lads, and so I think it prudent at the moment not to name them, but they are good!"

Tickets for the event which starts at 7.30pm cost £15 each and are available from either Threshers in East Street or Timpson's in West Street. Bar snacks will be available on the night.

BOB BUCKLER RACING

Niche nicked on the line

BOB Buckler went through the emotional spectrum on Saturday when ***Niche Market*** was beaten a short head in the Aon Chase at Newbury.

Due to run at Exeter on Sunday against fellow Grand National entrant Paul Nicholls' Tricky Trickster, both horses switched to take on the formidable Denman when the Devon officials abandoned the chase races due to the state of the course.

Four fences from home there appeared only two in it as Denman and Niche Market led by five lengths. However the 1/7 favourite ridden for the first time by A P McCoy stumbled at the fence to leave Andrew Glassonbury clear of the field. Although he recovered a bad mistake at the tired from home unseated McCoy and it looked odds-on that Niche Market would win, but Trick Trickster put in a storming finish after the last fence to pip Buckler's charge on the line.

"I'm gutted," said Buckler. "I think Niche was in front too long and he began to idle a bit but he ran a super race. It was a fast run thing; the race was 7 seconds faster than the novices race, and he jumped very well.

"Denman was beaten. McCoy said the tank was empty before he made the mistakes so we looked to be in the clear. I think if the Nicholls horse had been with us at the last he would have picked up again and gone on but I think both horse and jockey maybe thought the race was run.

"His aim is still the William Hill Trophy at Cheltenham next month before the national.

Both Niche Market and Tricky Trickster were installed as 12/1 co-favourites for the Grand National by the bookies after the race.

It was good to see *Double Dizzy* come back to some kind of form after he ran second to Duc de Regniere at Kempton in the Class 2 Betdaq The Betting Exchange Graduation Chase over 2 ½ miles.

The nine-year-old gave another consistent display in going down by 2 ½ lengths but Buckler is still unsure what is his best distance and felt that wearing blinkers for the first time made no difference to his performance.

"Another good, consistent display. Probably his best run since Sandown last November."

He was ridden by 14-times champion jockey A P McCoy who felt like Buckler that he wanted better ground and that 2 ½ miles was about his distance.

One who disappointed a bit was ***Over The Flow*** who was on the wrong end of McCoy's genius when beaten into second place at Wincanton by Topsham Belle last week.

Buckler wanting to take advantage before the 10lb weight penalty imposed for that ride ran her again at Kempton on Friday but after taking the lead two out weakened to finsh fifth.

"I took the gamble to run her quickly, and unfortunately it was just too much for her on a fast track. She was up there with them and did stay on but it was just a bit too quick to run her again."

Ready or Not in only his third race ran a good race to finish fourth at Exeter on Sunday and but for a mistake at the last could have snatches second spot.

"He looked promising but he started to get tired and that's when he made the mistake which cost him second place," said Buckler. "Unfortunately his handicap will suffer for the run."

Ethiopia continues to show improvement despite his sixth place showing at Hereford on Sunday. Carrying top weight he battled on without getting involved in the finish.

Buckler said:" He was carrying top weight and the ground was quite dead but he continues his education and will go over fences next time."

Buckler had success at Milborne St Andrew's point to point on Sunday when ***Different Trades*** ridden by Jack Barber beat his grandfather's (Richard Barber) horse This That An' tother into second place.

BASEMENT BATTLE: Lyme Regis Reserves' midfielder Darren Poole is tracked by Pymore's new signing Simon Bendall in Saturday's Perry Street League Division One match at the Davey Fort. Pymore won 3-1. Both side's have crucial six-point relegation clashes this weekend with Lyme entertaining Perry Street Reserves and Pymore welcoming Thorncombe. Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE

WORLD SHOTGUN EVENT LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

ORGANISERS of the ISSF World Shotgun Cup are looking for volunteers to help out with the world class event when it comes to the Southern Counties Shooting Ground near Dorchester in just over three months time. They say the roles will play a major part in the success of the event.

This will be the first time the UK has ever held an ISSF Shotgun World Cup event, ranked only behind the World Championships and Olympic Games in importance, and with over 650 competitors from 85 countries together with their support teams and the large crowd of spectators expected, a huge network of workers are needed to ensure the smooth running of the event.

The competition runs between May 11th – 20th, and the organisers would like to hear from anyone interested offer in helping as soon a possible.

Tom Wenham, Sportworks Event Director said: "The experience for anyone who volunteers will be hugely rewarding. Opportunities like this don't come around very often, so I am absolutely certain that local people will want to get involved. This is far more than just a sporting event. It's an opportunity to showcase the area to the rest of the world, and I know that everyone involved will want to prove just how welcoming Dorset is to sports fans and tourists alike.

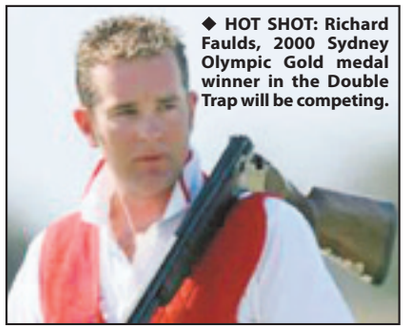
"This is an absolutely fantastic coup for the area. It's an enormously high profile event, particularly with 2012 around the corner. It should really help to put British shooting on the map, not least because it's a sport where we have some genuine medal contenders. Shooting is a sport that lends itself very well for spectators to come down because it's very visual.

"We will be bringing in a lot of infrastructure. There'll be a lot of accommodation for the administrative staff and there will also be seating installed for spectators. We're very committed to using local suppliers where possible, and it'll boost the local economy considerably."This event has been chosen by the ISSF General Assembly as one of four Shotgun World Cup events in 2010 and is one of 64 world class events supported by UK Sport during the run up to the London 2012 Games.

It will have the three Olympic Shotgun Disciplines of Skeet, Trap and Double Trap, and will mirror the Olympic shot gun programme with Skeet and Trap competition for men and women, and Double Trap for the men.

If you'd like the opportunity to help out with a variety of jobs including event marshalls, drivers, meet and greet, information point assistants or catering assistants, contact event manager Stephen Minto from the organisers Sportworks on 0114 3603606.

UK Sport are supporting the event with up to £275,000 from its National Lottery funded World Class Events Programme, supported by Dorset County Council, Active Dorset, the South-West Regional Development Agency and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council.



◆ HOT SHOT: Richard Faulds, 2000 Sydney Olympic Gold medal winner in the Double Trap will be competing.

BRIDPORT TABLE SKITTLES

Division A	Pld	W	Pts	Beer
Jesters	14	12	55	12
Second Hand Clock	13	9	46	10
Eye of the Tiger	14	11	46	9
Chillieheads	14	7	39	6
Crown A	13	8	35	2
Sally Mustangs	14	6	34	5
Whats the Odds	13	6	30	12
Oak A Nuts	14	6	30	3
No Hopers	14	5	30	7
Crossshots	14	6	24	6
Simpsons	13	5	23	4
Classics	14	2	19	7

Division B	Pld	W	Pts	Beer
Kens Prix	13	11	47	6
Freds Heroes	14	9	45	9
Five of Clubs	14	9	41	8
Mucking Fuddlers	13	8	35	5
Baggies Boys	14	8	35	9
Fishermans Friends	13	6	34	7
Consorts	14	6	33	9
Slingers	13	6	30	4
Five Alive	13	5	30	8
Upstairs Downstairs	14	6	29	8
George Gormets	13	4	24	4
Crown Spares	14	3	22	4

Division A	Pld	W	Pts	Beer
Tanners A	14	13	54	12
Bellends	14	11	48	7
Who gives a Tuck	14	12	47	8
West Dorset Clubbers	14	11	46	11
Time Wasters	14	9	39	11
Stickups	14	6	34	6
Exiles	13	4	26	2
Catch of the Day	13	2	24	7
The BBs	11	4	22	5
About Time	13	4	22	5
Kings of Hazard	14	2	20	3
Crown Handbags	12	2	17	3

■ SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF ■

● **SWIMMING:** Local swimmer Lauren Harrison; 12 competed in the opening weekend of the Somerset Age Groups 2010 writes ***Steph Hallam***. She swam the 800m Freestyle event for the Chard & District swimming club and finished in fifth position.

Meanwhile, Jake Hallam (13) represented Chard and District Swimming Club at the Exeter City Level 1 Meet on the 23rd January 2010. In the 200m Butterfly Event he broke his own 14 yrs and under club record with a personal best time of 2.34.20.

He also qualified for the 100m Butterfly in a South-West Regional time and achieving one silver and two bronze medals for his efforts.

The Somerset Age Groups will continue this forthcoming weekend.

● **BRIDPORT SKITTLES:** Cup fixtures for week beginning Monday, February 22nd:

Mixed Pairs – 2nd Round
Tuesday February 23rd
Bridport Football Club
J. Malcolm & M. Locke, M. & L. Willcox, D. & M. Crabb, A. Paulley & R. Chubb, M. & E. Hooper, A. Swift & J. Smith, J. Symes & N. Paulley, C. Willcox & T. Cornish.
Friday February 26th – Tiger Inn
C. Hopkins & C. Lambert, I. & D. Pincombe, M. Gudge & S. Newman, M. Hansford & M. Horton, P. Page & K. Johnson, D. & K. Way, S. Beal & J. Cake, D. & L. Cowburn.

Local golf news and round-up

FORMIDABLE TRIO LOVE THE CONDITIONS

LYME REGIS *with Steve Percival*

Sunday, February 14th was not only a day of romance but it also gave Lyme Regis Golfers excellent weather and course conditions in which to stage their February "fun" event.

Played as 3ball better ball competition over 18 holes with full greens, the event saw an excellent turn out for this time of year. Inevitably the three quarter handicap aspect of the event favoured those with a lower handicap and this was reflected in the winning scores.

In first place, with an exceptional score of 80 points, were David Lock playing off 4, Rob Clapp, playing off 5 and Des Denning playing off 11. Whilst Lock and Clapp made most of the running for the team Des Denning 'chipped in' as required to perform a more than adequate supporting role. In addition David Lock scored a birdie two on the short eighth to put a further claim on the prizes.

In second place with a score of 75 points were Billy Wright, playing off 14, Stephen Priest (15) and Chris Brown (11). Playing as a well coordinated team they could have run the winners closer had it not been for a few missed short putts.

However, Wright was rewarded for his efforts with a birdie two on on the eighth to claim a share in the 'twos' prize. Narrowly beaten on countback, also with 75 points, were Pat Duke (14) Peter Spiers (13) and David Hay (18). Spiers, with his excellent long game, was the mainstay of the team which was rewarded with another two on the eighth to give him a share in the individual prize pot.

Lyme Regis Ladies

by Ellie Langford
February 11th
Ladies Fun Competition

IT was a bitterly cold day with a sharp north wind and freezing temperatures making play unpredictable.

Everywhere was so frozen that we had to play on 18 temporary greens. Nevertheless the ladies showed their resilience with the majority of them completing the round.

Winners were; Gloria Lott, Margaret Slater and Julia Collins (cb) 79pts

Lyme Regis beat Broadstone in the Legg Bowl 3up and are now in the Semi-Final. The team was Jane Southcombe and Anne Humphreys (silver pair), and Julia Collins and Jean Moss (bronze pair).

BRYANT HITS SORRY TERRAS FOR SIX

WEYMOUTH 0 BASINGSTOKE 6

Blue Square South - Attendance: 588

MITCHELL Bryant set a new Conference League record on Saturday when he scored all six goals as Basingstoke Town cruised past Weymouth to win at a canter.

Hapless Weymouth were saved from more humiliation when the striker was withdrawn 14 minutes from the end. It is the first time a player has scored six goals in a conference game in any division since the Conference League began in 1979.

Manager Jerry Gill must be wondering what he has let himself in for. Since the 3-1victory over Lewes in his first game he has seen his charges concede 13 goals and score just one in reply in the following three games.

The sad thing about Bryant's haul was that they were probably six of the easiest goals he will score.

Gill made five changes including keeper Tim Sandercombe, on loan from Mansfield Town.

He became the third custodian in as many games after regular keeper Ryan Harrison left the club during the week following his axing by Gill after the Eastleigh game, whilst replacement on-loan Joe Welch only lasted one match before he returned home.

Sanderson hadn't touched the ball when in the third minute under pressure from David Pratt, he completely missed his kick leaving Bryant the easy job of tapping it into the net

Despite the poor start Weymouth had a couple of chances to equalise but Pierre Joseph-Dubois and Josh Llewellyn might have made more of good chances before another debutant Dan Smith couldn't make good Joseph-Dubois poor effort on goal and shot wide.

Bryant had no problem finding the net, and he doubled the Dragons lead on 25 minutes when Pratt unselfishly squared the ball for his fellow striker unmarked at the far post to slide home.

He completed his hat trick three minutes before the break. Sandercombe managed to divert the unmarked Gary Frewen's shot on to the crossbar but Bryant pounced to slot the rebound home between two defenders stood on the line.

The Weymouth fans so desperate for success booed their players from the field at half-time with chairman George Rolls and Gill also receiving a lot of abuse.

Joseph-Dubois forced a sharp save from Barnard low to his left at the start of the second period, but chances were rare for the Terras striker, unlike Bryant who two minutes later held off a defender in a race to a long ball over the top of a static defence to beat the advancing Sandercombe.

On the hour Joseph-Dubois finally found a way past keeper Barnard but Miles Mitchell-Coop was on hand to clear off the line.

Bryant added his fifth on 61 minutes when he bundled home Frewen's volleyed cross from close range before completing the scoring when he had the easy task of scoring after Jahson Downes had flicked the ball over Martin Slocombe before cutting the ball back from the bye line.

It could have been more as Basingstoke squandered more chances before the fans let Rolls and his team know how they felt about their abject performance as the teams left the field.

Would it have been different had the Terras converted one of the early chances? It's doubtful such was the poor quality throughout the team.

GROVES GRABS A POINT

WELLING 1 DORCHESTER TOWN 1

Blue Square South - Attendance: 501

DORCHESTER Town maintained their recent good run with a hard earned draw at Welling United on Saturday.

With Welling having gone six games unbeaten before their meeting, manager Ashley Vickers will be pleased with a draw for his side who themselves have only lost once in their previous six matches, although it took a last minute penalty by sub Matt Groves to secure the point.

Vickers started with Warren Byerley, preferred to Groves, for his first game after recalling him from a loan spell at Bridport where he has scored three goals in three games, whilst a fit again Kevin Hill took his place in the centre of defence.

Byerley went closest early on heading just over the angle of the goal after Nathan Walker had headed on Gary Bowles long free kick.

However hesitancy between Walker and keeper Regan Coward led to Welling's goal in the 17th minute when Andy Pugh punished their hesitancy in dealing with a bouncing ball on the edge of the box to take it past them.

The Wings' striker then beat Walker as he recovered but his shot struck the post and was partially cleared by Hill. However the ball was fed back into the box where Pugh was chopped down by Bowles.

Lee Clarke easily beat Coward sending the spot kick down the middle of the goal as Coward went to his left.

Dorchester were unlucky not to have equalised when Walker headed Devlin's corner against the crossbar and then had a penalty appeal turned down just before the interval when James Coutt's shot from Jules Emati-Emati chest down struck Jack Parkinson's hand as he turned his back.

Pugh was unlucky five minutes after the break when he chested down a left wing cross before swivelling and hitting a shot across Coward that struck the far post and bounced to safety.

Good chances were few and far between and the closest Dorchester came was a long range drive from Coutts from Emati-Emati's lay off that went wide of the right hand post, whilst Pugh had Coward flying spectacularly across goal to push away his fierce shot.

With time running out it looked as if, as at Chelmsford in the previous match, that the Magpies would get nothing for a workmanlike performance, but in the last minute of normal time Neil Martin chased Gary Bowles long pass towards the corner of the penalty area.

All Carl Jenkinson had to do was shepherd him away from goal but he clumsily knocked the Magpies substitute in the back and referee Mr Neil pointed to the spot.

Groves employed the same tactic as Clarke; driving his spot-kick high and down the middle as Charlie Mitten dived right.

◆ **Dorchester Town Supporter's Trust**

HOT NIGHT OUT WITH TRUST AT CURRY HOUSE

DORCHESTER Town Supporter's Trust are hosting a Curry Evening which is arranged for Thursday March 11th at the Masala Indian Restaurant in Dorchester with an 8pm start.

The cost of the evening is £15 per person and includes a menu of poppadoms and pickles to start, a main meal, rice or naan bread, a side dish and a glass of wine or pint of lager. Tickets and menus for pre-order are now available and are selling quickly.

As there are limited tickets available, please book early to avoid disappointment.

To book your place or if you require any further information please contact any Trust board member, telephone 01305 850099, e-mail events@magpiestrust.co.uk, or visit our website www.magpiestrust.co.uk.

GORDON BANKS IN TOWN

THERE will be World cup winner gracing the Jewson Stadium this week. Ex-England goalkeeper and 1966 World Cup winner Gorbon Banks will be the guest of honour at the Jewson Stadium on Friday (February 19th) for a Sportsman's Dinner.

Banks, who won 73 England caps and enjoyed a distinguished career between the sticks for Leicester City and Soke City, is perhaps best known for his remarkable leaping save that denied the great Pele an apparently certain goal in the 1970 World cup encounter between Brazil and England in Guadalajaha, Mexico.

Tickets are available at £50 (or £475 for a table of 10) to include a three course meal and champagne on arrival, plus a comedian and drinks promotions.

Chip off the old block

BRIDPORT 2 KEYNSHAM TOWN 1

LES PHILLIPS CUP - Attendance: 82

ALTHOUGH he will need to go a long way to match his father's prowess as a striker, Chris Senior showed dad Trevor that he can score goals as well as defend them when he hit the winner that took Bridport into the quarter-final of the Les Phillips Cup.

Senior was making his first start since December 12th when he had to be replaced with a knee injury, and although not fully fit was forced into a n emergency striker role due to Warren Byerley being recalled by Dorchester Town.

He did however show plenty of his father's skill by cleverly sidefooting the ball on the volley over the prostrate keeper and between two covering defenders after Keynsham's gloveman Chris Astley had fumbled Dan Wise's corner straight after the interval where Matt Moors retrieved the ball and hooked it back to Senior.

Although Keynsham exerted a lot of pressure in the final quarter of the match, the Bees defence stood resolute to the extent that stand-in keeper Jamie Fry had very little to do in terms of direct shots on his goal.

In a match which Bridport were not as sharp as they were against Gilling ham earlier in the week, they still showed composure and worked hard although a little leaden footed in the first half.

However they took the lead on 27 minutes when Moors was fouled on the corner of the penalty area.Wise whipped a low free kick into the danger area where Jamie Symes was first to react and volleyed home.

Keynsham struck back qickly and Kevin Williams clinically dispatched a volley past Fry after an attempted shot looped in the air off a defender.

Senior will be worried by the fact that Moors was carried off 15 minutes from the end after apparently damaging the lisame ligaments that kept him out until Christmas when his twisted his knee as he tackled back.

Wise could have sealed the match for Bridport late on with two one-on-one opportunities but Astley redeemed himself by thwarting him on both occasions.

Bridport will now be home to one of three Premier league sides which has yet to be decided. If it is Larkhall Athletic the match is scheduled for Tuesday March 9th or if Ilfracombe or Dawlish then the tie will be layed on Saturday March 13th.

◆ *The Bees are away to Portishead on Saturday (20th) and then visit Shepton Mallett next Tuesday (23rd) before receiving Westbury United on Saturday 27th.*

The reserves entertain Holt United this Saturday at St Mary's Field and then play host to Weymouth Res next Tuesday.

■ **EASY: Terras keeper Ian Sandercombe, having completely missed the ball with his kick, can only look back with embarrassment as Mitchell Bryant rolls the ball into the empty net. Bryant went on to create Conference League history as the first player to score six goals in a game.**

Gills break Bees run

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2 BRIDPORT 1

Toolstation Division One - Attendance: 75

AN unfortunate own goal saw Bridport's three game winning run ended when they went down at high-flying Gillingham Town after a first-half playing what manager Trevor Senior described as: "Some of the best football I've seen from any team that I have managed in my career."

Gillingham are the league's highest scorers and they showed why when they went ahead on 10 minutes with skipper Dan Rodgers headed home at the near post.

However Bridport playing with great skill and verve equalised when Warren Byerley showed his prowess by swivelling on a pass and driving the ball home on 22 minutes.

Despite their superiority Bridport could not get the goal their play deserved, the nearest they got being a Dan Wise effort that flashed past the post.

Gillingham upped their game in the second half and showed why they are pressing for promotion, but the Bees defence stood resolute.

It looked like they would gain a well earned point until with 15 minutes left a long throw in deflected off the top of Ryan Hayter's head leaving Andy Suttle helpless.

BRIDPORT 5-A-SIDE LEAGUE ROUND-UP

Cummings nets five

WEEK 11 saw the league table get up to date with all the back matches being played along with the regular weeks fixtures.

The first game of the night was a real tight affair with Castle Utd beating Craggy Island 7-5. Next came TWO teams still fighting for places at the top end of the table - despite having just four men for the last five minutes Bayern Neverlusen beat Pineapple Utd 4-2.

Castle Utd then played their second game of the night but were completely undone by the showboating skills of Roger Cummings of Audacious. Cummings scored five in what has been described as the best ever performance in this competition and Audacious won 8-3.

Craggy Island then played their second game and drew 3-3 with This is football thanks to an Andy Potter hatrick.

The next two games saw Samba Boys beat BBC United 4-2 and 2 Stripe Athletic gain much needed points as they beat Mutz Nutz 4-1.

The final game of the night saw an ill disciplined Samba team beat This is football 12-2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Audacious	11	10	0	1	84	28	30
Bayern Neverlusen	11	8	1	2	72	42	25
Castle United	11	8	0	3	85	46	24
Samba Boys	11	7	1	3	71	34	22
Pineapple United	11	5	2	4	59	43	17
Craggy Island	11	4	2	5	43	59	14
This is Football	11	3	1	7	56	67	10
BBC United	11	2	1	8	41	70	7
Mutz Nutz	11	2	1	8	37	95	7
2 Stripe Athletic	11	1	1	9	48	80	4

Leading Goalscorers:

Dom McAllister (Castle United) 27, Ben Clarke and Roger Cummings (both Audacious) 25, Matt Condliffe (Samba Boys) 23, Tristan Gale (Castle United) 20, Martin Bulman (Pineapple United) 19.

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WEST DORSET SPORT ROUND-UP WITH STUART BROOM

Dorchester boxing and multi-gym plans passed

DORCHESTER Amateur Boxing Club has received confirmation that plans for a new boxing and multi-gym on the Sawmills Site have been passed.

Ben Geyser, founder of the existing boxing club, reminisced with members about how far the club had progressed since struggling to establish itself at it's formation, "This is our biggest punch to date - what a way to start 2010 - we've certainly come a come way," he said.

"The boxers work long and hard. They give their all for the and have had some success winning many titles along the way.

"I am really proud to have played a small part in their lives and am sure they will relish working in plush new surroundings, " he added.

Mr Geyser also added that the club had received another boost in the form of a donation from the Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust.

"I really feel that the new gym will create better future prospects for local youngsters within a safe and happy environment." said Mr Geyser.

The Reverand Jeanie Chubb, the club's events co-ordinator, said she was: "impressed with how far the club had come in combatting prejudices and in setting aside voluntary time to raise funds for such a worthwhile goal."

Anybody interested in helping as a volunteer, fund-raiser or in joining the Boxing club should contact either Jeanie (01305 268769) or Ben (01305 832249).

◆ ALL SYSTEMS GO: Ben Geyers (front, right) celebrating with members of the Dorchester Amateur Boxing Club after receiving the news that the club had been given the go-head for their new gym.

BRIDPORT SUPERLEAGUE DARTS

AN unfortunate unprecedented first befell Bridport men's team when they took on league leaders Bere Regis who boast seven county players in their side.

With a seven wins from seven matches it seemed unlikely Bridport could stop their march to the title and so it proved.

Having gone into the singles all-square at 2-2 after the pairs, they lost all eight singles matches.

They had lost the first two pairs matches but superb performances from Joe Carter and Graham Knight followed by Tony Brown and Mark Munro saw Bridport fight back. Although all eight singles were lost there were three good performances.

Chris Backhouse just lost 2-3 whilst Carter wasted a dozen darts to win before going down 1-3. Brown had the hardest job against Steve Penney who reached the last 64 of the UK Open, and although he played out of his skin and hit a 180 in the process he just went down 2-3. The 2-10 defeat leaves Bridport in the bottom half of the table.

The ladies had almost as tough a task against second-placed Bere Regis.

Beckie Dedman made a welcome return to the line up and hit a perfect 180 in the pairs with Liz Vowles to earn a 2-1 win to put Bridport level following Helen Long and Jo Knight's opening pairs loss. A further pairs win for Bere Regis and singles defeats for Long and Knight left Bridport 1-4 behind .

Dedman then hit a winning 17.52 average to pick up a 3-1 win and Lady of the Match to give Bridport hope, but unfortunately defeats for Vowles, Elaine Ingram and Jan Collins left the final score at 2-7.

Bridport travel to Wimborne on Saturday with pick up times: Axminster 5.30pm, Chideock 5.45pm and Bridport at 6pm.

LYME REGIS DARTS LEAGUE

RESULTS from February 11th:
DIVISION ONE - George A 1 Rousdon Club 7, Nags Head A 8 Lamb B 0, Lamb A 5 Nags Z 3.
DIVISION TWO: Rubber Johns 6 Young Guns+1 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Nags Head A	14	14	0	0	95	17	28
Rousdon Club	14	11	1	2	87	25	23
George A	14	7	2	5	60	52	16
Lamb A	14	4	4	6	48	64	12
Lamb B	14	5	2	7	44	68	12
Rockpoint A	13	4	2	7	43	61	10
Nags Z	14	3	1	10	43	69	7
Nags Head B	13	1	0	12	20	84	2

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rubber Johns	10	8	0	2	59	21	16
Royal Standard	9	6	1	2	46	26	13
Talbot Arms	9	6	0	3	48	24	12
Young Guns +1	10	4	2	4	44	36	10
Royal Oak	10	1	2	7	20	60	4
George B	10	1	1	8	15	65	3

◆ *Stat leaders: 180s (top) Darren Herbert (Rousdon Club) 7, Terry Prowse (Nags Head A) 6, Matt Brotherton (George A) and Tony Young (Rousdon Club) both 5.*

RUGBY ROUND-UP with KEITH JENKIN

HONOURS EVEN AFTER DRAW AT DORCH

THE League programme should be reaching its closing stages, but in fact it has a little way to go as so many postponements have taken place.

I decided to take the long road to Weymouth to watch the club's local derby against league leaders Bridport, who won by 25-0, and with a bit to spare.

Sadly the Weymouth injury situation is deepening to the extent that they had no alternative but to withdraw their second side from its league game at East Dorset 2nd.

Seemingly it was not a day for second sides; for Lytchett Minster seconds conceded its home game against Bridport seconds early. The Fordingbridge 2nd /Dorchester 2nd game too was conceded by the home side and Dorchester awarded a walkover.

DORCHESTER 17pts NORTH DORSET 17pts

NEUTRAL observers would probably have left the ground thinking that a draw was a fair result, after witnessing what was a good game of rugby football.

The home side certainly started the stronger, only to concede a needless penalty that allowed their opponents to set up an attacking position that culminated in a try between the posts by one of their midfield. The try was converted and, although the pattern of play was generally even, it was the visitors who increased their lead when Dorchester were guilty of not protecting their heel quite as they should have done. the ball was stolen, and Miller the poacher scuttled over for an unconverted try.

Now 12 points in arrears, it was essential that the next score was a home one, and that was indeed the case for, on the half-hour, Lee Harvey, playing in the centre, found a gap and crossed by the posts, making Jones' conversion kick an easy one. Jones duly goaled the try and the half ended with Dorchester 12-7 in arrears but not displeased, for they would have the breeze in their backs throughout the second half.

Dorchester had struggled in the lines out in the first period, with catcher and thrower occasionally singing from different hymn sheets. It improved in the second, and their equalising score duly came.

Back rower Hawkins scored it, running over the North Dorset full-back in the process. This score remained unconverted and, although the home side now had the impetus seemingly, it was removed from them when the North Dorset open side intercepted and had the strength and the legs to reach the line, just.

The conversion kick went wide and, with time now running out Dorchester continued to attack. They reaped their reward with scant minutes left on the clock when full-back Read was on hand to complete a move that saw the ball carried the best part of 50 yards.

This touchdown evened the scores and all depended on the conversion. Adam Jones place kick slid agonisingly and narrowly wide however and the spoils were shared.

In the cold light of day, this result does not do much for the promotion aspirations of either side for, with about a half dozen games left, a slight gap has opened between the top two sides and the chasers, of which Dorchester and North Dorset are two.

It would appear that either Frome or Wimborne would have to implode to give others an opportunity. Having said that, Dorchester do play both promotion favourites before the season's end. Interesting times!!

WEYMOUTH Nil BRIDPORT 25pts

CONDITIONS were ideal for running rugby at Weymouth, with the ground taking a stud and only a slight breeze to worry throwers and kickers.

The home side kicked off but the first chance fell to Bridport after just a couple of minutes play. They turned over possession on their opponents' ten yard line, who conceded a penalty.

The kick slid wide however and Bridport suffered a bit of a blow almost immediately when one of their centres went down with what looked like a serious injury. It all came to nothing however, for he resumed after treatment.

In fact it was Bridport who took the lead after ten minutes' play. From a scrum on the Weymouth twenty five in midfield, outside half Guylor made the initial break and put winger Stubbs over in the corner.

The try remained unconverted and, although play for the ensuing few minutes was a little on the desultory side, and with no clear pattern emerging, it was the visitors who increased their lead with twenty five minutes gone.

After a good run down the narrow side had taken play close to the home line, they recycled, sent the ball wide to Idris Croft who galloped over halfway out. Lewis' conversion attempt rebounded from a post and Bridport led 10-0. They consolidated their position soon after.

Another run down the blind side set the position and, although they were pushed off their own ball by the Weymouth eight man shove, the ball was not cleared and a five yard lineout ensued. From it Bridport mauled their way over half way out, with number eight Blakesley, who had carried well thus far, coming up with the ball.

Again the woodwork had a say as regards the conversion kick but Bridport would have been satisfied with their 15 point lead.

At this juncture, Weymouth, who I felt had kicked away possession far too much hitherto, came back into the contest. Outside half Peplow made a good break to take play deep into the visitors' twenty five. The cover got to him eventually, but the defence infringed.

Quickly taken penalties and attacking scrummages followed as Weymouth laid siege throughout the final ten minutes of the half. The Bridport defence held however and good work by scrum-half Bullock, who caught his opposite number in possession at the base of a scrum, saw the ball cleared to the twenty five as the half-time whistle blew.

Weymouth caught their opponents napping a little at the start of the second-half. Full-back Lewis took the ball into contact and his position was not covered by a colleague.

A diagonal kick by Peplow found them out and set up a good attacking position. A knock on checked their progress however, and Bridport cleared. I thought Bridport had made the game safe after some fifteen minutes after they had taken advantage of mishandling in the home midfield.

They hacked on and got over but were adjudged to have been held up. A penalty was conceded subsequently and Weymouth kicked clear. The try that sewed the result up, came on the hour and followed an excellent break by stand off, Guylor.

He received rather scruffy ball in midfield, slipped his initial tackler and found a gap. He ran to within ten yards of the post and his offload found Croft who got over for his second of the game. Again the woodwork prevented the extras being added, but Bridport were now twenty points clear.

It became clear however that, although they were lacking a little in cohesion, Weymouth were conceding nothing. They had retained a considerable edge in the set scrums throughout and made several forays into the Bridport territory during the final quarter but these met with no success and the visitors had the final say.

From a ruck in midfield they turned over possession. Croft broke decisively and put replacement winger Wren, over in the corner. Bridport's place kicker, Lewis, will be probably renamed "Woody" in view of his affection for the Weymouth woodwork.

He struck his conversion kick well enough and I thought he was going to round off his afternoon by hitting the crossbar. It ducked just under however, leaving him just a little frustrated but his side pretty pleased with their afternoon's work.

Weymouth for their part, were suffering from a long injury list that prevented them from playing with over much cohesion. They scrummaged well but perhaps were guilty of kicking possession away.

I did think that they were more effective when they ran, ball in hand, at their opponents.

PREVIEW

THERE are a few "ifs, buts," and the odd "maybe" about the challenges that face one or two of the local sides on Saturday next.

BRIDPORT entertain BLANDFORD in the Dorset & Wilts league Division One (South) and should, on paper, gather the two league points, for their opponents have not had the best of seasons and are very much in the bottom half of the table currently. I do remember that they bested Weymouth a few weeks ago however, although Weymouth were not at their best on that day, conceding too many penalties and being "kicked out of it".

I think Bridport will make home advantage count here, but they should take nothing for granted.

WEYMOUTH have a more difficult game in prospect altogether when they visit WARMINSTER, whose pack of forwards is large and lumpy. If Weymouth move the ball away from the breakdown or point of contact quickly, then they should have no difficulty.

An arm wrestle would be playing into the home side's hands, as Bridport found out earlier in the season. Warminster are having a pretty good season and are close behind their opponents in the league's fourth place. This one is probably too close to call, although Weymouth's long injury list will not help their cause overmuch.

DORCHESTER have the easiest game of the three local sides when they travel to DEVIZES. They put well over 50 points on the board when playing these opponents earlier in the season and I do expect them to win comfortably, and to maintain their very useful league position.

As to the second sides, Dorchester seconds face a pretty difficult "ask" against visitors Sherborne seconds, while Bridport seconds, who have only played a couple of times this year, will probably have as much as they can handle at South Wilts.

Weymouth seconds take on Dorchester thirds in a friendly game.

FIXTURES 20th February - Bridport v Blandford, Bridport 2nd v South Wilts 2nd (away); Chard 2nd v Bridgwater & Albion 3rd, Chard 3rd v Wyvern, Crewkerne v Castle Cary, Dorchester v Devizes (away); Dorchester 2nd v Sherborne 2nd; Honiton v Unknown Ineptitudes; Honiton Colts v Exmouth Colts, Sidmouth 2nd v Torquay 2nd ; Sidmouth 3rd v Wessex 2nd; Weymouth v Warminster (away); Weymouth 2nd v Dorchester 3rd .

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GILL HAS FIGHT ON HIS HANDS

But Magpies' fourtunes are on the up

BY STUART BROOM

WITH the season moving towards a conclusion it is difficult times for both Weymouth and Dorchester Football clubs but for different reasons.

Weymouth are rooted firmly to the bottom of the Blue Square South and after Saturday's 6-0 home humiliation by Basingstoke, fans must be wondering where they are going next except down.

Jerry Gill is their third manager this season, and with the all the back biting and upset at boardroom level he must be thinking what has he let himself in for?

Gill brought in five new players for Saturday's match. With the performances so far it is only natural that he must be thinking that new blood is required to get his side moving once again.

The problem is that new players need tim to settle into their surroundings and it takes time to gel.

With only 14 games left and 14 points from safety can Gill afford to tinker or should he go with what he has got?

He will do well to lift a side that must be so low in confidence and avoid the drop.

On the other hand Ashley Vickers Magpies are on the crest of a run. With only one defeat in the last seven games, and that by a single goal to Chelmsford who sit second, they are finally looking like the side they had promised.

Defeat in the FA Trophy and only one point from their league matches with Weymouth seem an age ago, and with competition in every position on the pitch, Magpies fans will be saluting the amiable player-manager who can currently stand back and watch from the touchline rather than be involved on the pith such is his choice.

Good additions like Kyle Critchell and James Coutts have made the Magpies into a different team from that earlier in the season.

However lurking in the background is the prospect of the return of ex-Zaragoza assistant manager Gorka Etxeberria who joined the club over the Christmas and New Year to help with coaching.

Vickers is only currently caretaker manager but his record and enthusiasm for the job must surely put pressure on chairman Shaun Hearn to give him the job on a permanent basis.

■ TOP MAN: Nick Crittenden's three goals in January helped secure draws against Staines Town and Lewes which saw the start of their recent run of seven matches with just one defeat. Here he is seen receiving the Player of the Month award from Jenny Peavoy, a vice-president of the club before the match against Bromley.

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